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Arafat gets down to business as Palestinian Authority sworn in

JON IMMANUEL

PLO leader Yasser Arafat swore in 12 members of the Palestinian Authority yesterday, and then chaired its first official meeting in Jericho. He proposed a campaign to clean up Gaza, build 30,000 housing units and create 25,000 jobs in the next year.

Planning Minister Nabil Shaath told a press conference in Jericho that he was asked to finalize the organizational structure of the other ministries.

During the meeting, the finance minister, Mohammed Nashashibi, was asked to put together a "quick" budget for this year and one for the coming year and to establish wage structures for public workers. Shaath said.

Shaath said the authority council decided to ask "the World Bank to transfer all the funds of the donors addressed to current expenses and establishment costs to the Ministry of Finance instead of PECDAR," the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction.

Project-oriented PECDAR has been the preferred channel for foreign aid, though Israel has supported Palestinian requests that more aid be diverted to the running costs of the PA. So far the World Bank has rejected this demand until the PA produces a budget.

Justice Minister Fehi Abu Meidan was asked "to form a committee to unify Gaza and Jericho laws" which are rooted in the different legal systems of Jordan and Egypt. He was also asked to "immediately suggest changes in the military orders," the controversial system of 2,000 regulations which Arafat "annulled" in a newspaper notice last month, but which legally requires Israel's approval.

To quickly add thousands of housing units in Gaza, it was suggested that any house structurally able to support another floor should be given financial incentives to add one.

The oath of office for the ministers was administered by Arafat and Salim Zanoun, speaker of the Palestine National Council, before an imam, a priest and anti-Zionist Rabbi Moshe Hirsch. It did not include Fatah chief Faisal Hussein and four department heads from abroad who have not yet returned.

Husseini, who has been nominated as a "minister without portfolio" (for Jerusalem affairs), was not sworn in but attended the session, leaving his position in the PA ambiguous. Israel has said that it will not deal with any PA member dealing with Jerusalem.

Natanei Karti's Hirsch, who said he was a "minister" but did not take the oath of office for religious reasons, will not sit on the authority. He is an adviser on Jewish affairs, Shaath said.

MK Tawfik Zayyad killed in car crash

BILL HUTMAN
and DAN ZENBERG

NAZARETH Mayor and MK Tawfik Zayyad was fatally injured in a head-on traffic accident near Mishor Adumim yesterday afternoon.

Zayyad was apparently trying to pass a slower vehicle when he hit a van coming in the other direction. The driver of the van, Abdalla Fouad, 49, also from Nazareth, was reported in moderate condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Mount Scopus last night. A hospital spokesman said Fouad was conscious and had a broken pelvis. He was being X-rayed to see if he suffered other injuries.

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss interrupted the plenary proceedings yesterday to announce Zayyad's death.

"MK Zayyad was a stormy and inflammatory fighter, fiery and with a poet's temperament," said Weiss. "He represented the interests of his constituents in this House and more than once his powerful representation triggered sharp debates."

"However, that is the unique character of Israeli democracy, that in this House political rivals sit together in an enlightened and sophisticated parliamentary democracy, fashion agreements and act according to the decision of the majority. I think that in the long run, the stormy and inflammatory fighters of this House go down in the annals of parliamentary life in a special and outstanding way."

The accident occurred at 5:15 p.m. as Zayyad was returning from the reception for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Jericho. The 65-year-old MK was driving alone.

Police sources said he was driving two cars behind a slow-moving truck, and tried to pass them all in one stretch. It appears he tried to pass the truck despite a solid line on the highway forbidding passing at that point, police sources said.

The van was thrown off the road by the impact of the crash. The airbag in Zayyad's vehicle opened, but it reported that Zayyad was not wearing a seat belt.

Zayyad was removed from his car still alive, but died before an ambulance arrived.

The Judea District police spokesman released a statement last night saying that Zayyad's vehicle "for unknown reasons swerved from its lane and crashed into the [van]."

Zayyad's funeral will be held this afternoon in Nazareth. The cause of the accident was



MK Tawfik Zayyad, mayor of Nazareth. (IPPA)

under investigation, the spokesman added. He sharply denied rumors that "ninja" nails were spread on the road and caused the accident.

Settlers yesterday placed the nails on the Jerusalem-Jericho road to prevent Palestinians from going to Arafat's reception. But no such nails were found at the site of the accident.

Zayyad, head of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, was born in 1929 and is survived by a wife and four children. He will be replaced in the Knesset by Saleh Salim, a school principal from the village of Iblin.

Zayyad served as a member of the DPPE and its forerunner, Rakah, during five Knessets beginning in 1974. In 1975, he was elected mayor of Nazareth. He did not serve in the 12th Knesset but was brought back by the party to head the DPPE list in 1992. It marked the first time an Arab headed a Knesset list dominated by the Communist Party.

In the 13th Knesset, Zayyad, who was also a poet and journalist, became famous for his vicious clashes with Moledet MK Rehavam Ze'evi. Once, in a fit of rage, he told Ze'evi: "I hold your testicles and squeeze them tight." Ze'evi reciprocated by calling Zayyad a "drunkard" and "liar."

Hashem Mahaneed, second on the DPPE list, said Zayyad "was a pillar of his people for many decades. He was not only a leader, he was also a teacher. For me, it is impossible to believe he no longer exists."

Ze'evi said he did not "want to relate to the personal rift between us, but it is sad that traffic accidents take such a heavy toll. In these circumstances, we say: 'Blessed be the true judge.'"

Ron Nahman (Likud) said "the Knesset has lost an outstanding parliamentarian who faithfully represented his interests, with which I absolutely disagreed."

Ramon elected Histadrut boss

Court rejects last-minute attempt by Likud to block election

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MK HAIM Ramon was finally elected Histadrut secretary-general last night, after a five-hour judiciary cliffhanger which ended with the Jerusalem District Court rejecting the Likud's petition to delay the election procedures.

Ramon thus became the first secretary-general in the Histadrut's 73-year history who is not the leader of Labor's faction, ending Labor's control of the labor federation.

Five hours after schedule, the Histadrut's newly elected council — or as many members remained in the Jerusalem International Convention Center — convened to elect the new executive committee, which in turn elected Ramon.

In his first speech as Histadrut secretary-general late last night, Ramon gave a stern and grim address, which sounded more like a warning. Ramon advised everyone to take him seriously, because "I meant everything I said. A lot of people said that I would fall in love with the Histadrut assets once I entered office [and would not get rid of them]. They were wrong."

Ramon promised to restore the Histadrut to the status it had lost, promising to run everything "according to proper procedure. There will be nothing hidden or under the table, everything will be published and exposed to all the members. All the companies associated with the Histadrut will publish their balances and reports as though they were traded on the stock market."

At 4:30 p.m. yesterday, Likud Histadrut Faction Head MK Ya'acov Shamai threw a bombshell into the Histadrut convention when he produced a court injunction preventing Ramon's election for Histadrut secretary-general.

The dramatic development occurred just as the convention was about to close, after calling the immediate meeting of the new Histadrut council, which was to elect the new executive committee, which in turn was to elect Ramon secretary-general.

Ramon and Ram leaders were stunned and Labor leaders fumed over Shamai's move, which disrupted the procedures and everybody's plans. A frantic search began for lawyers and the right people to send to court to get the Likud's case dismissed. During



Haim Ramon celebrates with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Meretz MK Haim Oron (far left) during yesterday's Histadrut convention in Jerusalem where he was eventually elected secretary-general. (Inaac Harari)

the long court hearing on the issue, several delegates gave up in frustration and left.

Presenting the injunction, Shamai argued it was impossible to complete all the procedures of convening the Histadrut's three major bodies in one day, unfair, and a violation of the Histadrut's constitution.

Shamai explained that council members are not necessarily convention members, and calling the new council — which the convention had just elected — immediately after the convention meant that many council members who are not convention members would not even know that they had been elected, and therefore would not be able to attend the meeting.

Shamai said there was a reason for the constitution's insisting on a time lapse between the meeting of each Histadrut forum: providing time for informing the members, inviting them and preparing an agenda. He stressed the impor-

tant off sticking to the rules.

Ram's MK Ran Cohen said the Likud was a partner to formulating the convention's agenda and knew of the intention to convene the council and executive committee right afterwards. He expressed confidence that the court would cancel the injunction.

An angry Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivli then demanded that both Labor and Ram cancel all the coalition agreements made with the Likud in local labor councils and Na'amat branches throughout the country.

Zivli proposed "the immediate setting up of a joint Labor-Ram committee, which would go through all the labor councils and Na'amat branches and find a settlement for the next four years which would ensure the complete power of the present coalition."

Zivli formulated this proposal together with Ram's MK Haim Oron, but Ramon was skeptical when he heard it and said "it

would have to be examined."

The faction had a number of meetings scheduled for yesterday morning, and the members who arrived kept asking where Haberfeld was (he stayed in his Tel Aviv office) and where was Zivli, who arrived late saying he did not know that the meeting was moved up.

Left without their leader, Haberfeld, Labor's Histadrut faction members felt lost and some said "we are orphans," while others complained that they had no leadership and nobody was assuming responsibility for anything.

An air of confusion and lack of certainty prevailed long before the Likud's injunction.

The organizers tried, for the first time in this orderly institution's history, to convene its three major forums — the convention, the council and the executive committee — all in one day, one after the other.

The results were a fiasco in

which nobody seemed to be sure about the updated agenda. It was as if Haberfeld knew he would remain in office for one more day.

Ramon was late, and President Ezer Weizman was angry. Everyone blamed the last-minute agenda.

And through all this there was a feeling something was afoot, that the Likud would pull something out of its sleeve. "When so many procedures are in violation of the rules and the constitution, it was only expected that this should happen," one Labor delegate said after the Likud obtained the court injunction.

Long after Ramon was to have given his coronation speech, the delegates were still waiting in the JICC for the Jerusalem District Court to rule on the injunction. Many had given up and gone home. Those who remained complained of the disappointing anticlimax to what was to have been an historic, festive day.

Rabin: Histadrut elections put Likud in its place

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut elections, in which the Likud lost more than a third of its strength, "put the Likud in its proper place," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

"[The Likud] will also be put in its rightful place on the national level, in the 1996 Knesset elections," Rabin added. He was speaking at the Histadrut convention in the Jerusalem International Conference Center (Binyanei Ha'uma).

Rabin was heckled by Likud delegates, who burst into shrieks and cries of "boo" and "Bibi, Bibi" as he entered the hall and

when he rose to speak.

Earlier at the convention, a brief fight broke out between Labor and Likud delegates in the auditorium, when Likud Histadrut faction chairman Ya'acov Shamai said that Rabin, "who shook the hand of the master killer Yasser Arafat, wouldn't conduct negotiations with the Likud for a Histadrut coalition."

Dismissing the interruptions with an angry movement of his arm, Rabin hit back at

the hecklers, giving what appeared to be a speech for the next elections.

"You want a showdown on issues? Be my guests," he said. "We will bring peace, we will maintain security, we will bring about economic and social development. We have already brought change, and we will bring about a more significant alteration at the end of our term and we still have one and a half years to go."

Rabin's statements aroused stormy ap-

plause from the convention's 1,500 delegates.

The prime minister went on settling accounts with the Likud, saying "I'm glad that 80 percent of the Histadrut's elected members are among those who are our coalition partners on the national level."

Rabin also drew a round of extended applause when he said "I want to send my good wishes from here to outgoing Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld. But in democracy ... he who gets the majority gets elected."

Rabin and Peres set for talks with Arafat in Paris today

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will hold a key meeting today in Paris to discuss how the interim peace accord should proceed throughout the territories.

The meeting marks the first Israeli-Palestinian summit since the Gaza-Jericho Accord was signed in Cairo two months ago and comes on the heels of Arafat's high-profile return to Gaza and Jericho after 27 years of exile.

All three leaders will be in France to receive the UNESCO peace prize, named after late Ivory Coast president Felix Houphouet Boigny. The prize, worth

800,000 francs (NIS 450,000), was awarded only days after last September's landmark Israel-PLO accord.

While only an hour meeting is scheduled, officials said it could continue late tonight after a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand and a dinner given by UNESCO director-general Federico Mayor.

Some do not rule out talks continuing tomorrow.

The three will discuss whether to proceed on one or a combination of tracks to implement self-rule across the territories.

There are at least three issues to be discussed — transfer of civilian control throughout the territories, redeployment of IDF forces outside of Arab population centers and Palestinian elections.

Under the Oslo accords, Israel has committed itself to transfer at least five categories of social welfare spheres, known as "early empowerment," but the question is whether this will be expanded to other spheres of civilian control.

Sources say Rabin favors focusing only on the five categories of social welfare for the time being. According to the Oslo accords,

Israel has committed itself to redeploy its forces away from Arab population centers throughout the territories by the eve of Palestinian elections.

When asked yesterday if the Palestinians planned to hold elections by the end of the year, chief Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath responded, "absolutely, yes."

In talks today with Israeli officials, Shaath said Arafat will also call for the convening of a four-party panel to discuss the return of those Palestinians displaced by the 1967 war, as called for in the Oslo

accords. Some believe Arafat will also seek to somewhat expand the boundaries of Jericho or deploy a Palestinian policeman on the Al-Lenby Bridge.

Rabin wrote a letter to Arafat in May, promising this can be discussed, but officials privately claim it was done only to help Arafat save face, and no new concessions are expected.

However, Arafat will not only press his case to Rabin and Peres, but is expected to publicly remind international donors that money is urgently needed in Gaza and Jericho.

IDF to acquire more advanced rocket systems from US

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF will purchase more Multiple-Launcher-Rocket-System (MLRS) batteries from the US in the next year, a senior army source said yesterday.

Following the Gulf War, the IDF made the decision to purchase the advanced system, made by Loral-LTV of Dallas.

The MLRS, used successfully by the US Army during the Gulf War, is a multiple rocket launcher which covers an area, rather than a specific target, and is used against second-echelon forces.

The IDF has already acquired a number of launchers, and the Artillery and Ordnance corps have sent a group of soldiers to study the system's characteristics and operational aspects at the US Army Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The IDF now plans to purchase more launchers and advanced munitions, funding the acquisition through the foreign military funds made available through the annual \$1.8 billion US military grant to Israel.

Every rocket contains dozens of "bomblets" which penetrate armored vehicles from above.

The initial explosion of the rocket is activated by a pre-programmed proximity fuse. Once operational in the IDF, the MLRS will become an integral unit of the Artillery Corps.

Calvin and Hobbes

BY BILL WATTERSON



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Small turnout for Arafat's whirlwind visit to Jericho

PLO leader Yasser Arafat promised revolution in Jericho yesterday, but only in agriculture. He advocated "patience" and "unity" as the way to achieve a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The speech at the Allenby Bridge bus terminal to a crowd of fewer than 5,000 was general and vague, emphasizing — as in Gaza on Friday — the prisoner issue and the release of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Arafat, who no longer plans to live in Jericho, visited the city for eight hours. The practical purpose of his trip was to swear in some of the ministers of the Palestinian Authority and to chair its first official meeting at a recently built structure designed as an old-age home and mental health clinic.

Arafat arrived in Jericho on schedule from Gaza in a loaned Egyptian army helicopter, which gave him a view of Jerusalem — where he lived for four years as a child. It descended to the oldest and lowest city on earth accompanied by his Israeli helicopter escort, which circled the area during Arafat's address.

The audience was much smaller than expected, but nevertheless en-

JON IMMANUEL

thusiasm, consisting mostly of young men who broke through a fence to get near the stage. One woman fainted after kissing Arafat, and Arafat's hoarse voice was frequently drowned out by the cheering crowd.

Three hardliners were also on the dais with Palestinian notables and embraced Arafat. Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, the "foreign minister" of the radical anti-Zionist Natorei Karta, later said he was appointed the Palestinian Authority's minister on Jewish affairs "in the de-occupied areas." However, Nabil Shaath, planning minister in the PA, said that Hirsch was only appointed to be an adviser.

Arafat's speech was shifted from the municipality to the Allenby Bridge bus terminal for security reasons and to cater to the large crowds expected. When they failed to show up, Arafat placed the blame squarely on Israel's shoulders.

"I demand from the other side equal obligations" to provide security for Palestinians as Palestinians have promised for Israelis. He blamed demonstrating settlers "for

preventing our people from arriving."

Shaath later attributed the small crowd to logistical problems in getting to Jericho, which is not easily accessible to most towns without going through Jerusalem, through which there is no free passage. Some older people from Hebron said they reached Jericho too late to attend the ceremony.

Jericho residents seemed more interested in knowing when prosperity would come to the city than in seeing Arafat, and many of those who sell Palestinian mementoes like plastic flags and key rings preferred to do business and see Arafat on TV than go watch him in person.

One enterprising baker, Samir Shaabni, designed a cake with a Palestinian flag on it, which he said sells "twice as fast" as any of his other cakes.

Arafat, who returned later in the day to Gaza, will leave by helicopter this morning for Cairo, then fly from there to Paris for a meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. The three are to receive the Houphouët Boigny Prize from UNESCO.



Protesters with guns and prayer shawls demonstrate yesterday near Mitzpe Yericho. Smoke billowing in the background is from burning tires. (IUPA)

False rumor on helicopter visit to Temple Mount by Shaath

BILL HUTMAN

IN the end, it turned out to be a UFO at best. But the alleged pre-dawn "sighting" of a helicopter landing on the Temple Mount set the rumor mills running yesterday.

The story originally became public after Likud MK Yehoshua Matza told Israel Radio he received reports that PLO chief negotiator Nabil Shaath was secretly helicoptered to the Temple Mount to pray at the Akra Mosque.

Matza said he received the report from "reliable sources," who said they saw the helicopter at around 4 a.m.

Rumors then spread that Shaath had landed at Atarot Airport in north Jerusalem, and from there was driven to Al-Aksh.

The sensitivity of the issue of PLO officials being allowed to Jerusalem and the Akra Mosque quickly made the story big news. Only later did the report turn out to be totally unfounded. "In response to rumors that Nabil Shaath has landed on the Temple Mount in a helicopter, the police

spokesman states categorically that there is no truth to the rumors," said a statement released by the police.

"Furthermore, no helicopter has landed in the Jerusalem area since yesterday [Monday]," the police stated.

Wafiq director Adnan Hussein, who oversees the Temple Mount, also said no helicopter had landed on the Temple Mount, and that Shaath has also not visited there.

"Whoever is spreading such rumors is just trying to provoke people," Hussein said.

Asked about the possibility of someone clandestinely entering the Temple Mount, Hussein said it would be difficult. There are both Wafiq and police guards on duty around the clock, he noted.

"The gates [of the Temple Mount] are closed at 10 p.m., and only in a special security situation are they opened during the night," Hussein said. He added that he knew of no such case that related to a clandestine visit.

Arafat names Natorei Karta's Rabbi Hirsch his adviser

HERB KEINON

RABBI Moshe Hirsch, the self-proclaimed "foreign minister" of Natorei Karta, was yesterday named a special adviser on Jewish Affairs in the new Palestinian Authority.

Hirsch went to Jericho with a few followers for PLO leader Yasser Arafat's visit.

Hirsch's public embrace of Arafat was blasted by Yehuda Meshi-Zehav, an activist in the Eda Haredit, which excommunicated Hirsch years ago. He recommended that Hirsch, long an outcast in the haredi world, should not return to Mea Shearim.

"Hirsch is not welcome in any synagogue in Mea Shearim, except for his own Tora Ve'yora Synagogue," Meshi-Zehav said. "What he has suffered from us in the past will be nothing compared to what he will suffer from us now if he decides to return to the neighborhood."

Hirsch has long been harassed in Mea Shearim by those opposed to his overtures to the PLO and Arafat.

Meshi-Zehav said that since Hirsch has "publicly embraced a murderer," it is halachically permitted to stone him.

Natorei Karta is a minuscule fringe, itself split into two different factions, of a few hundred families in the haredi community. Hirsch represents only one of the group's factions.

As opposed to Natorei Karta, the Eda Haredit is a loose but influential formation in the haredi world composed of those anti-Zionist haredim who refuse either to vote in the Knesset elections or take money from the state.

Although the Eda is also adamantly opposed to the state, Meshi-Zehav said recently it would never link up with the PLO because of that organization's long record of spilling Jewish blood.

Nine arrested for blocking road to Jericho

HERB KEINON

NINE people were arrested yesterday near Mitzpe Yericho on the Jerusalem-Jericho highway as demonstrators tried to block the road and keep Palestinians from reaching Jericho to see PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The demonstrators sat in the middle of the highway, burned tires, scattered nails in the road and at one point blocked it with buses.

Some of the demonstrators threw rocks at cars bearing the blue license plates of the territories and broke a number of windows.

Scuffles broke out between the demonstrators and police and soldiers trying to protect the vehicles, including six buses from Bethlehem.

A few demonstrators yelled "Nazis," "perverts" and "Communists" at the soldiers and the police. One IDF officer wearing a kippa who was trying to remove protesters from the road was taunted with shouts of "Shame on you, take off your kippa."

Itamar Ben-Gvir, an activist in the banned Kach movement, said about

15 Kach activists were "in the middle of the action" at the junction. Moshe Eyal, a Mitzpe Yericho activist, said "a number of people joined us, and we cannot ensure that their level of restraint is the same as ours. There was a fringe group that acted in a way that is, perhaps, against the way we would have liked. We definitely don't want this type of thing to happen again."

IDF bulldozers eventually pushed the debris out of the highway to clear the road, and six police vans remained at the junction throughout much of the day to prevent a recurrence of the morning's incidents.

The incident at the Mitzpe Yericho junction was the worst clash between the police and demonstrators, who spread out and tried to block roads at some 19 different points throughout the territories.

The police and IDF were deployed in large numbers at key junctions where trouble was expected, and suc-

ceeded at most points in clearing the road with little trouble.

Nevertheless, Palestinian leaders blamed the smaller-than-expected crowd in Jericho on the blockades, with some — including Arafat — claiming that the army itself was keeping Palestinians from going to Jericho.

The later claim was sharply refuted by both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the IDF Spokesman.

One Palestinian who arrived in Jericho from Bethlehem said he had to travel 60 kilometers to get there, having been told by the IDF at a number of junctions to use alternate routes into the city to avoid the settlers' blockades.

The police and IDF concentrated large forces in a few settlements, from which troops were quickly dispatched to trouble spots. The parking lot of the Ma'aleh Adumim community center was full of police vans and vehicles early Tuesday morning.

At 5:30 a.m., a few dozen Ma'aleh

Adumim residents went to the Jerusalem-Jericho highway, and — after morning prayers — starting placing rocks and metal bars in the middle of the road.

The IDF quickly intervened and succeeded in forming a human chain to keep the protesters from surging into the road and blocking traffic.

Some pushing and shoving ensued, both between the demonstrators and the IDF, and the demonstrators and aggravated motorists — mostly journalists trying to get to Jericho. No arrests were made.

Only a few cars bearing blue license plates tried to make their way through the crowd. One car with blue license plates coming from the direction of Elzariya turned around a few hundred meters before the blockade.

Another car, from Bethlehem, was approached by a protester who told the driver, "At least your car is not being stoned. When I drive through Bethlehem, my car gets stoned." The driver did not respond.

Saguy: Arafat has secret desire 'to rule west of Green Line'

DAN IZENBERG

PLO CHAIRMAN Yasser Arafat indicated in his speech in Gaza City on Friday that he wants to be regarded as the leader of all Palestinians and not just the head of the PLO, Intelligence Branch chief Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy said yesterday.

Briefing the foreign affairs and defense committee, Saguy said Arafat's references to jailed Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and Israeli Arabs in the Negev and Galilee were expressions of that desire.

According to committee sources, Saguy restricted his assessment of Arafat's aims to the speech he made in Gaza on Friday.

He said there was nothing new in Arafat's speech, which included aspirations for an independent Palestinian state in the territories with eastern Jerusalem as its capital.

According to one source, Arafat referred to the Israeli Arabs as partners in the Palestinian struggle, but did not indicate he wanted to conquer Israel.

Another source, however, quoted

Saguy as saying Arafat's mention of Israeli Arabs indicated that "he has a secret aim to rule west of the Green Line."

Israel Radio reported that Saguy clashed with Binyamin Begin (Likud) and Moshe Peled (Tsomet). Begin reportedly charged that Saguy had not satisfactorily addressed Arafat's reference to the Israeli Arabs. Saguy replied that Begin was not acting with intellectual integrity, because he had not related to the entire text.

Peled charged that Saguy's assessment was motivated by political considerations, and Saguy replied that Peled was being childish.

Saguy was asked whether there were indications that the Palestine National Council would convene to annul the anti-Israel paragraphs of the Palestine Covenant. He replied that he had no knowledge of plans by the PLO to convene the council.

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Abu Ala due in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN

PLO FINANCIAL chief Ahmed Oreia (Abu Ala) is expected to arrive in Jerusalem tomorrow for the start of a two-day conference on the economy of the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Leading Palestinian businessmen from around the world are scheduled to attend the conference in eastern Jerusalem. Several leading Israeli and Jordanian businessmen were also invited.

Abdul Fatah Darwish, editor of the Al-Ra'ed economic monthly and conference organizer, said the two days of meetings were aimed at acquainting Palestinian businessmen with the PA's economy.

"Our major goal is for Palestinians in the private sector to meet Palestinian economic officials, who will try to clear up all the questions about economic policy," Darwish said.

Several major PA development projects will also be presented. Darwish said he did not know whether Abu Ala had received permission from Israel to enter Jerusalem, although he hoped there would be no problem.

"This is an economic, not a political conference," Darwish said.

Organizers originally wanted to hold the conference in the territories, but no appropriate facility was found.

Lubrani: Syria can choose to stop escalation in Lebanon

ALON PINKAS

PRIME Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak yesterday toured the IDF outpost in south Lebanon where two soldiers were electrocuted on Sunday and the general area of Monday's artillery duels with Hizbullah.

Meanwhile, coordinator of government activities in Lebanon, Uri Lubrani, reiterated that Syria could have prevented Monday's duel, and has the power to prevent further escalation in south Lebanon.

Accompanied by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, Rabin and Shahak debriefed Golani Brigade soldiers manning the outpost and received a briefing on precautionary measures taken to

avoid more electricity-related accidents.

Army sources said yesterday that Israel had previously asked the Lebanese government to repair the electricity system in the south which is endangering Lebanese civilians and vehicles, but no action was taken. The sources said Israel will raise the issue again in the upcoming bilateral peace talks between the two countries.

Rabin later met with the commander of the IDF UN liaison unit, Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, who briefed him on Monday's massive fire exchanges between the IDF and the SLA and Hizbullah. An IDF soldier, Staff-Sgt. Avichai Danoch was killed during the battle. He was buried yesterday in Ashkelon.

Israel selected for British flower show

DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON

ISRAEL is one of 12 countries that have been invited to participate in the international pavilion of the prestigious Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, the largest event of its kind in the world, which opens today.

The Israel exhibit features characteristic bougainvillea, fig, olive, cypress and cedar trees, but the highlight is the *lupinus pilosus*, the brilliant blue mountain lupin.

According to the show's horticultural

director Adrian Greenoak, Israel's flora "seems steeped in thousands of years of human history, yet there is a special tenacious charm, a certain spark of richness, something bright and intensely alive."

The Israel exhibit is sponsored by the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens group of the Friends of the Hebrew University, the Israeli Embassy, the Jewish National Fund and Marks & Spencer.

Germany to print Palestinian ID's

BONN (Reuters) — Germany is printing passports and identity cards for the Palestinian self-rule areas in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, a Palestinian diplomat said yesterday.

Bonn will pay for the documents as a form of development aid for the areas, diplomat Mahmud Alaeiddin said.

Alaeiddin, deputy head of the PLO mission in Bonn, said Germany's state Federal Printing Office had been contracted to supply a first batch of passports and identity cards for over 775,000 Palestinians in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

"There will be between half a million and a million documents at first, to be delivered in three months, and then we will see about more," Alaeiddin told Reuters.

Alaeiddin said the idea had come from the Bonn government as part of its support for the autonomous areas.

He declined to specify how much the printing job would cost, adding only that the PLO was continuing talks with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation about possible further orders.

Winning numbers

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 8, 9, 12, 29, 33, 43 and the additional number was 24.

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky draws were the eight of spades, eight of hearts, ace of diamonds and ace of clubs.

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The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take the form of a gala dinner at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Laronne Hotel. Visiting Rotarians will be welcome.

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The objective of the Fund is to promote the improvement of the quality of life in Israel. The prizes are intended to encourage current, on-going activities. Nominations for prizes will be submitted to the prize committee for each field. The final decisions will be made by the Fund Trustees.

Any person in Israel, and any organization, whether incorporated or not, with the exception of government bodies, may be nominated. Every person is eligible to submit a nomination. You may make a nomination anonymously, or request that your name not be disclosed. Prize winners will be announced in the press. No notification will be sent to those making a nomination, in cases in which a prize is not awarded. The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the Knesset.

Nominations should be submitted in writing by August 18, 1994 on the appropriate form, which may be obtained from the Fund Secretariat, Knesset Building, Jerusalem 91000, Tel. 02-753407, to which a statement of the reasons for making the nomination should be attached.

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Children acquire negative stereotypes of Arabs by age three

Study shows Arabs visualized as people who kill children

HAIM SHAPIRO

BY the age of two to three and a half, the overwhelming majority of Jewish children here have stereotypes of Arabs, visualizing them as murderers or people who kill or steal children, according to Prof. Daniel Bar-Tal of the School of Education of Tel Aviv University.

Bar-Tal presented his findings yesterday at the second International Conference on Prejudice, Discrimination and Conflict, held at the International Conference Center in Jerusalem and sponsored by the Winston Institute of Bar-Ilan University.

Bar-Tal said children tend to develop stereotypes of Arabs at a very early age, and these are almost always negative.

The stereotypes were the result of a wide variety of influences, including current politics, children's stories, television and textbooks. Only 10 to 15 percent of these children had stereotypes of Arabs which were either positive or neutral, he said.

The stereotypes acquired in the pre-school years tended to peak around the age of five or six, he said. Later, when children were nine to 12 years old, they tended to differentiate between "good" Arabs and "bad" Arabs.

"We know that the stereotypes acquired in an early age are cultural stereotypes, derived from the consensus of society," Bar-Tal said.

With time, he said, the cultural stereotypes are replaced by personal stereotypes, but the influence of the cultural stereotypes remains with us and influences us throughout our lives.

"Adults have to fight the cultural stereotypes which come to mind automatically," he said.

If one wanted to break the groups down, he said, his latest study shows that lower-class children tend to have more negative stereotypes of Arabs than middle-class and upper-class children.

In an earlier study, he said, he found that religious children tend to have more negative stereotypes than non-religious children.



American rock group Babes in Toyland (Kat Bjelland, Maureen Herman and Lori Barbero) poses at a press conference at the Hard Rock Cafe in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Clalit now supports National Health Insurance

JUDY SIEGEL

KUPAT Holim Clalit, which previously parroted the Histadrut's opposition to Haim Ramon's version of the National Health Insurance Law, yesterday welcomed the law, which will be implemented in October.

The Histadrut health fund's spokesman, David Tager, said residents' free choice among insurers will reduce the disproportionate number of elderly members in Clalit. Some will move to other health funds.

For many years, the smaller health funds, especially Maccabi and Meuhedet, were reluctant to accept elderly and sickly members unless their chil-

dren were already members. Tager said that easy mobility among the funds will reduce the burden of chronically ill patients on Clalit. "The other funds' advantage of rejecting applicants with health problems will disappear, and they will have to accept everyone who wants to join."

The Clalit official added that the smaller funds will, under the law, be subject to supervision of the state comptroller, because their income

will come from the National Insurance Institute-collected health tax, and not membership fees. Until now, only Clalit has been scrutinized by the comptroller because it receives government subsidies. "The other funds have not been required to publish their financial data," he said.

Tager, whose health fund continues to lose members to the smaller funds, said Clalit's recently expanded basket of health services will be the standard, and predicted its competitors will have to charge extra for some services because of financial constraints.

Call Morocco direct

JUDY SIEGEL

MOROCCO has become the second Arab country after Egypt to have two-way, direct phone communications with Israel.

The new service was inaugurated and announced yesterday without advance warning.

The first Israelis to use the connection were Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni and Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul, who called Moroccan communications officials yesterday.

Until now, calls to Morocco have been possible via a linkup through a third country, but not directly and in both directions. From yesterday, anyone in Morocco can officially call Israel (dialing code 972), and anyone in Israel can call Morocco (code 212).

Bezek called to answer on disposal of batteries

LIAT COLLINS

THE Environment Ministry is investigating Bezek regarding suspicions it dumped old switchboard batteries without treating the hazardous metals and acids found in them.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid informed the company of the investigation and demanded the practice be halted.

Bezek disposes of hundreds of such batteries each year. They contain corrosive acids and poisonous heavy metals like lead. By law, they should be sent to the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site for safe disposal.

The matter came to the ministry's attention after Bezek published a

statement claiming that the company had disposed of the batteries in a "safe" manner. Bezek said each battery contains up to 50 kilograms of acid.

In response, a Bezek spokesman said the company withdrew the tender recently and was preparing a new one.

Meanwhile, Bezek has reached an agreement with the battery-producing company Tel-Ron, which is removing the old batteries to factories licensed to handle and recycle them.

Negev reporters boycott Beersheba mayor over alleged discrimination

AMIR ROZENBLIT

NEGEV reporters yesterday decided to sever any ties with the Beersheba municipality and its spokeswoman after a fellow journalist was banned from municipal council meetings Monday night.

The reporters branded Shewa weekly newspaper reporter Itzhak Aburkail's removal from the council chamber and his banning from any future meetings, allegedly at Mayor Yitzhak Rager's request, "an attack on freedom of the press."

In recent weeks, Aburkail wrote several articles critical of the municipality and the mayor. He focused particularly on police investigations of alleged financial wrongdoing by Rager. Aburkail's removal led opposition leader Arye Bar to demand his return.

Municipality spokeswoman Shoshana Houry expressed surprise at the move. "This is a very strange decision, which doesn't say much for the reporters," she said. "It's strange the leaders of the group made this decision without hearing the mayor's response. Aburkail was not allowed into the council chamber because he did not have a press card."

However, eyewitnesses said that municipality security men, who know Aburkail as a journalist, recognized him and let him in.

Rager cut off all ties between the municipality and Shewa Sunday because of what he said was an unprecedented campaign against him and the municipality.

Armadillo on the loose in Jerusalem

LIAT COLLINS

"SHE has ears like a rabbit, legs like a hen, a long nose, a hard tail and a body like a woodouse that curls up in a ball when she's worried."

This is the official description of the runaway armadillo which is being sought in the Jerusalem area.

The description was called into Army Radio by 15-year-old Boaz Mizrahi, a volunteer at the Jerusalem Reptile Park in Terra Sancta, where the nameless armadillo usually lives.

In case you doubt you have spotted the correct armadillo, Mizrahi, 15, added: "This specific armadillo has a scar on her back."

The armadillo escaped from her temporary quarters at the reptile park's display center in Mevo Beitar on the outskirts of the capital.

"She either found a hole in the fence or dug underneath it. Armadillos are natural burrowers and can dig very well," Mizrahi said.

The toothless armadillo is not dangerous and lives on rats, insects and reptiles.

This one is also partial to commercial dog food. The search is being hampered by the fact that the rabbit-sized animal is nocturnal.

"If you find her, pick her up like a dog, hold her around the middle and be careful of her tail," Mizrahi said. There is a NIS 200 reward, he added. "If you see her, tell her her cage is waiting."

Anyone with information should call the reptile park at 02-536654.

Meanwhile, Army Radio has opened a phone line for people wishing to donate money toward a reward for anyone who catches the person who has carried out the recent savage attacks on dogs in Tel Aviv.

The line was opened after concerned citizens started calling in to Alex Anski's morning show and offering a reward. The amount now stands at NIS 3,700. The number is: 03-5761133.

Court blocks wedding of 17 year old

THE Haifa District Court issued a temporary restraining order blocking the wedding of a 17-year-old woman which was to have taken place today, after her parents objected.

Judge Eliah Cohen decided to block the marriage, which the Kiryat Yam religious council had approved after the girl told them she was pregnant.

The woman's mother told Cohen the bride-to-be was being held at her prospective husband's apartment against her will. Her parents said she was not ready to get married, and had lied about being pregnant.

Cohen ordered the woman, the prospective groom, and the parents to appear before him for a further hearing into the matter on Sunday (film)

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US closes door on Haitian refugees

SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration, faced with a sudden surge of Haitian refugees, announced yesterday that they no longer will be given safe haven in the United States.

William Gray, special adviser to President Clinton on Haiti, said Haitian boat people found eligible for refugee status will be sent instead to camps in Panama.

"Those boat people who are in need of protection will be given the opportunity to obtain it in safe haven camps," Gray said.

He said the first safe haven would be in Panama and that agreement in principle also had been reached with the Caribbean island republics of Dominica and Antigua. He said the agreement with Panama was for six months.

The goal of the policy is to stem the flow of Haitian boat people, which has been steadily escalating since the United States began processing applicants for political asylum aboard ships three weeks ago.

Gray made the announcement after about 100 Haitians died when their vessel capsized as they were trying to escape Haiti.

A US Navy amphibious assault group of four ships will sail for Haitian waters today with 2,000 Marines aboard, ready to evacuate US citizens should the need arise, the Pentagon said yesterday.

The sudden additional deployment comes as the Clinton administration tightens economic sanctions against Haiti in an effort to force out the military leaders who ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991.

"They'll steam out tomorrow," Air Force Maj. Bob Potter, a Pentagon spokesman, said. "They provide the capability to evacuate

American citizens and designated foreign nationals, if necessary," Potter added.

The sailors and warships had just returned to the United States on June 24, having just completed their six-month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea, the Adriatic off Yugoslavia, and waters off Somalia.

The move is also a display of US military force as the number of Haitian refugees continues to mount, said a senior defense official. "This adds a significant amount of power to the region," said the official, speaking on condition of not being identified by name.

The new force is expected to arrive in waters off Haiti later this week, the official said.

Clinton has not ruled out an invasion to topple the military leaders and restore Aristide to power. He discussed Haiti in a meeting yesterday with his top foreign policy advisers, including Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

North Yemen claims seizure of Aden after heavy bombardment

SANA, Yemen (AP) - The north claimed yesterday to have taken control of most of Aden as it reportedly unleashed one of the heaviest artillery barrages yet on the southern port city, killing at least 30 people and wounding 51. Shells crashed into Hotel Aden, where foreign journalists and relief officials were staying, injuring two French physicians with the international aid group Doctors Without Borders, according to the Kuwait News Agency. One physician was seriously injured and in hospital.

The agency, which has a correspondent in the city, quoted an unidentified southern security official as saying the source of the shelling was six tanks about 20 kilometers north of Aden's Khormaksar neighborhood.

However, the north claimed its troops and tanks battled their way into Aden's outlying neighborhoods and were in control of most of the city by midday.

The fall of Aden would almost certainly herald the final chapter of the war with imminent victory for the north in its campaign to quash southern Yemen's hopes of seceding after a four years of union.

Thousands of people are believed to have died since war broke out on May 4, after issues left unresolved in the 1990 unity agreement between North and South Yemen erupted into an irreconcilable feud between their leaders, Ali Abdullah Saleh and Ali Salem Al-Beidh.

Diplomats have warned that a front in the center of the crowded port city could mean bloody street battles and a skyrocketing civilian death toll.

Already, hundreds have been killed in the past few weeks as northern forces encroached on the former South Yemen capital, where about 400,000 citizens and refugees were enduring shortages of water, food and medical supplies.

Relief and UN officials have described the health situation in Aden as perilous.

The push on Aden came despite warnings from the United States and Saudi Arabia, the regional power on the Arabian Peninsula and Yemen's neighbor, to spare the beleaguered city.

French establish haven for Rwandan civilians; rebel advance continues

GIKONGORO, Rwanda (AP) - Tutsi rebels advanced toward elite French troops in southwestern Rwanda yesterday, and the shell-shocked capital of Kigali slowly adjusted to rebel rule.

About 500 soldiers patrolled the woodlands around Gikongoro, which the French marked off as a haven for 400,000 refugees they estimate have fled to the area to escape ethnic massacres in Rwanda's civil war.

Troops dug in mortars and howitzers as Gikongoro's mayor drove through the streets with a loudspeaker urging calm and telling panicked refugees the French would protect them.

The Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front said it would not respect the zone, which cuts between its rebel forces and the last third of the Central African country controlled by the Hutu-dominated government.

French President Francois Mitterrand insisted the rebel front "is not our adversary" and said France was not trying to keep the rebels from defeating government forces as it did in 1990.

"We say simply that there must be somewhere a place for people in danger to take cover. We extend a helpful hand. Our action stops there," Mitterrand said during a visit to South Africa.

But he also said French soldiers would fight to defend themselves.

Rebel leaders threatened to attack the French contingent, which moved in last week to protect refugees and will reach its full strength of 2,500 men this week.

"If the French stand in our way then it is the French who will have chosen confrontation," the rebel front's secretary-general, Theogene Rudasingwa, told The Associated Press in London.

A column of an estimated 2,000 rebels was on the march 20 kilometers from the zone, which is 135 kilometers southwest of Kigali, French Capt. Jacques-Albert Roussel said.

A French government official said in Paris that some rebels were less than 10 kilometers from French positions around Gikongoro. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said those rebels were not moving and there was no fighting.



Volunteers fight a fire in which 11 persons have died so far and more than 100,000 acres have been destroyed in Spain's Mediterranean regions near Barcelona. (Reuters)

Genscher a Nazi? Former top diplomat battles to save his reputation

BONN (AP) - Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who helped reunite Germany during an illustrious, 18-year career as foreign minister, is fighting to save his reputation after acknowledging he's been named as a teenage Nazi.

Genscher, 67, said the Nazis signed his name without his knowledge to a party membership list in 1944 while he was a 17-year-old serving in an anti-aircraft unit.

News reports said last week that Genscher, who retired in 1992, is named in a vast archive of captured Nazi documents that were returned to Germany last week by the United States.

Genscher became West Germany's foreign minister in 1974. With Chancellor Helmut Kohl, he is credited with overseeing German reunification in 1990. He also served as the united country's foreign minister.

"At no time was I informed by the NSDAP [the Nazis], by the Hitler Youth or any other organization of the Nazi state that he was made a member of the NSDAP," Genscher's office said in a statement issued Friday.

It said Genscher was never invited to and never attended any Nazi party events.

Nevertheless, commentators immediately saw damage to his reputation as one of post-war Germany's most important figures.

"The monument is crumbling," said the news magazine Focus.

Genscher's office said he was informed in the early 1970s that

his name was on Nazi documents, but didn't learn until recently what was in his file. His office said his name is on an August 1944 list of members of the Nazi Party and its youth wing, the Hitler Youth.

German news media suggested Genscher's name may have been among thousands added to the Nazi membership rolls by functionaries trying to boost morale as dictator Adolf Hitler's troops suffered devastating losses during the last year of the war.

"How can I prove that I knew nothing of this at the time? Either you believe it or you don't," Focus quoted Genscher as saying.

Bild, Germany's most popular newspaper, speculated that someone leaked the document to damage Genscher's reputation.

"Who wants to destroy Genscher?" the paper asked.

On February 15, 1943, the 15-year-old Genscher was called up to serve in an anti-aircraft unit near his hometown, the east German city of Halle. He was captured by American soldiers on the last day of World War II, sent to a prisoner-of-war camp and sent home seven weeks later.

List of billionaires swells by 15 percent over last year

NEW YORK (AP) - Japanese hotel and railroad magnate Yoshiaki Tsutsumi was the richest individual in a Forbes magazine ranking of the world's wealthy. His net worth this year comes to \$8.5 billion.

The family of the late Sam Walton, founder of the Wal-Mart US department store chain, ranked as the world's richest with a fortune totaling \$23.6 billion.

Taken together, the world's billionaires - both families and individuals - have become a less exclusive group, with their ranks swelling by 47 to 358 from a year ago, according to Forbes' annual billionaires' ranking, released Monday.

The billionaires are worth a combined \$765 billion.

American families ranked at the top of the list. Following the Waltons were the Mars family, with a fortune of \$9.6 billion, and the du Ponts, worth \$9 billion.

Among individuals, Microsoft founder Bill Gates was behind Tsutsumi with a net worth of \$8.2 billion. After the software innova-

tor came the former richest individual American, investor Warren Buffett, whose net worth totals \$7.9 billion.

In overall numbers, the United States ranks as the world's largest producer of billion-dollar wealth, with almost three times the number of billionaires as the next-closest country.

US billionaires totaled 120 in the Forbes ranking. Other places with billionaires in the double digits were: Germany, 42; Japan, 36; Mexico, 24; Hong Kong and Macau, 13; and France, 11.

The region with the fastest growing billionaire population is Latin America, which boasted 42 in this year's survey.

Forbes said it excludes from its list royal families and heads of state, because their fortunes come more from political heritage than efforts in the realm of economics. The magazine said it also excludes dictators.

Envoys completing plan to end war in Bosnia

GENEVA (AP) - In a concerted international push to end the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, officials from the United States, Russia and Europe met yesterday to approve plans to split territory between the Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

Diplomats from the so-called contact group - the United States, Russia, Britain, Germany and France - made no comment upon arriving for the talks at Russia's diplomatic mission to the United Nations.

But a source familiar with the plan said the measures would include lifting sanctions against Serbia if the Bosnian Serbs accepted the plan and ending the ban on weapons sales to the government if it agreed and the Serbs did not.

The map, which has so far been kept under wraps, will give the new Muslim-Croat federation roughly 51 percent of Bosnia's territory and Serbs the remaining 49 percent. Bosnian Serbs currently control about 70 percent of land.

Diplomats said leaders of the warring factions would be presented with the proposals early today and would be summoned back to Geneva about July 20 to give their responses. There will be little scope for any further negotiations or changes.

The ministerial package also will be presented for endorsement at this weekend's summit of the world's seven leading industrialized nations.

Zhirinovsky booted in Vienna

VIENNA (Reuters) - About 500 European parliamentarians booed and banged their fists when Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky declared in a speech yesterday that Russia would win a Third World War, the Austrian news agency APA reported.

The agency said Zhirinovsky made the remark at a meeting organized by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

"Russia will win the Third World War definitely and without any doubt," said Zhirinovsky, a member of the Russian parliamentary delegation.

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US-Islam culture clash in Algeria

STEPHEN ROSENFELD
WASHINGTON

ALGERIA is a real-life, strategically crucial test of Samuel Huntington's suggestion that, with the Cold War gone, a clash of civilizations is now what makes world politics go around.

If Huntington is right in the make-or-buy weight he assigns to cultural differences, then the US is going to come a cropper in its effort to nudge a reluctant military-appointed government in Algeria to take in Islamic moderates in order to fence out Islamic revolutionaries. These merely political distinctions, it will turn out, don't matter. Cultural essences do.

But if Huntington is wrong, then the US can expect a major political payoff for showing that democracy and political moderation can in fact be firmly lodged on the far side of the Islamic civilizational divide.

It is the difference between a world where American values can be exported with some assurance that they will take root and a world where America must hummer down and coexist indefinitely with remote and possibly hostile Others.

The current Algerian test began in January 1992, when the army blocked a democratic electoral process whose first round had been won — but only narrowly — by an Islamist party of suspect regard

for democracy. The resulting violence has since taken 3,000 lives, created an awesome and deepening national crisis, and brought to the fore the question of how to deal with a far-flung revolutionary Islam.

This week Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah Dendbi saw his American counterpart in Washington and was advised to move more quickly along his government's publicly affirmed track of reconciling reconcilable elements of political Islam.

THE chiding did not keep Dendbi from expressing, in an interview, his satisfaction with the approving words the American government has been uttering about the sort of Islamic fundamentalism that the Algerians, too, mean to embrace — the sort that is not violent, not extreme, and not defined by the slogan "one man, one vote, one time."

In theory and — in respect to Algeria — in practice, the Clinton administration has drawn a distinction between moderates and extremists, and is urging encouraging Algeria to identify and deal with the former. National Security Adviser Anthony Lake has converted the theory into a broad

outreach to Moslem nations and communities around the world.

To Huntington's finding of civilizational fault-lines based on "faith and family, blood and belief," Lake responds that a "devotion to family and society, to faith and good works [is] not alien to our experience."

The argument is, well, spirited. Where Huntington observes that in Bosnia, for instance, the West has failed to do much for the Moslems, Lake replies a bit lamely that, anyway, the US is "opposing hatred and the use of force." But whereas Huntington ticks off the American bombing of an Arab capital (in the Gulf war) over the protests of most Moslem governments — a clash-of-cultures element — Lake stresses the larger unity-of-cultures point of an allied coalition's forceful resistance to a power grab.

It is relevant that Huntington is a scholar and Lake a policymaker. For the prevailing idea of American globalism — the idea that the US has interests everywhere — fits ill with the notion that the world is irredeemably and almost deterministically divided up into civilizations that bump. The appeal of drawing a line simply between re-

sponsive and repressive governments, whatever their culture, is that it provides a rationale on which to stay on the global path. Everybody except the thugs falls into the American circle.

Then there is the "Iran syndrome." The experience of earlier American frustrations in Iran necessarily casts a shadow over any tendency to pluck "moderates" out of a revolutionary spectrum.

The parts of Jimmy Carter's and Ronald Reagan's Iran policies that fixed on a search for moderate interlocutors — in the events leading up to the hostage crisis and in the Iran-Contra affair, respectively — were a disaster.

The lesson: take it slow. Still, it's healthy for the American government to be grappling with the reality of global multiculturalism.

The trail was blazed by then-assistant secretary of state Edward Djerejian, now outgoing ambassador in Israel, in a speech in 1992.

The way to view Islam, he said, is not as "the next 'ism' confronting the West" but as "a historic civilizing force." Our quarrel is not with any religion but "with extremism and the violence, denial, intolerance, intimidation, coercion and terror which too often accompany it."

True then, true now. Watch Algeria. (Washington Post)



Moroccan singer Hassan Hakmoun (left) was treated well here during the recent Peter Gabriel WOMAD celebration, according to Egyptian journalist Mona Eltahawy (right). (Tamar Orinberg)

Musical support for peace

TIRZAH AGASSI

PETER Gabriel's recently attempted Musical Peace Festival has gone down in the annals of Israeli rock history as a fiasco of note.

The local press mentioned that a handful of Egyptians made it across the border to Eilat to attend the WOMAD (World of Music and Dance) celebration, which was moved from Taba after being banned by the Egyptian government on security grounds.

Last week, one of those Egyptians, Mona Eltahawy, a journalist for the Cairo-based English-language weekly *Middle East Times*, published a surprisingly positive view of the festival, which contrasted with the mainly negative views expressed in the Israeli media.

At the same time, an Israeli Foreign Ministry source revealed that President Hosni Mubarak himself had apologized, via Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, to Israel's ambassador in Cairo for the embarrassing cancellation.

Though this hardly made up for the ill-will generated by the unfortunate venture, optimists can take comfort from some of Eltahawy's

observations, which reached an estimated Middle Eastern readership of 12,000.

To begin with, Moroccan singer Hassan Hakmoun, the only Arab musician in the lineup of international music bands brought over by Gabriel, enthused that it had been great to play in Israel, and that he'd been treated very well. Hakmoun, American singer Lou Reed, and the group Trans-Global Underground all decried the suggestion that the area is still not ready for such mixed festivities.

Eltahawy herself disagreed with an Egyptian journalist friend who boycotted Eilat on those grounds. Eltahawy told *The Jerusalem Post* in a telephone interview of an exchange she had with Reed.

She had quoted her journalist colleague as saying: "It's not time yet. Palestinians are still being killed."

"So are Israelis," shot back Reed.

He went on to wonder out loud why we all couldn't just stop it even for five hours.

Eltahawy admitted that coming

face to face with her country's "former enemies" in Israel had made her considerably less wary.

In her *Times* article she noted both the perfunctory pragmatism of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and the huge imbalance between the extent of Israeli tourism to Egypt and the number of Egyptians visiting Israel.

An old university friend she bumped into in Eilat told her of others who had overcome their qualms and made the trip to Israel for the first time.

In describing the mini-peace session in the lobby of the Taba Hilton — in which Israelis, Egyptians and Israeli Arabs from Nazareth held an impromptu jam session — Eltahawy made her support for a more active peace quite clear.

Eltahawy closed her piece with a description of Gabriel staging the human rights anthem "Biko," followed by his observation that "it's your turn now."

Her article was a noteworthy attempt to live up to that challenge.

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's popular-music critic.

Sudan's ex-PM freed

KHARTOUM — The Sudanese authorities have released former prime minister Sadeq al-Mahdi after almost two weeks in detention in connection with a coup plot.

The state-run Sudan News Agency (SUNA), reporting his release this week, quoted opposition leader Mahdi as saying he was not involved in any conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Mahdi, 57, said he thought the coup plot was a government fabrication until he heard the recorded confessions of two arrested aides, SUNA said.

No charges were laid against Mahdi, the Oxford-educated politician who has been detained five times in the past year.

Mahdi, who held power for almost three years until he was overthrown in 1989 by the current head of state, Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, was detained on June 20.

He was accused of plotting to assassinate some prominent political figures, blow up vital installations in Khartoum and create instability in Africa's largest country.

He is the great-grandson of a revered messianic leader who led an uprising against the British in the last century.

Three aides, retired brigadier Abdel Rahman Farah, Dr. Hamad Bagadi and Saif al-Din Saeed, who all belonged to Mahdi's Umma party, were detained in May.

They, too, were accused of involvement in the conspiracy. But no formal charges have been filed against them, either.



No charges were laid against former Sudanese prime minister Sadeq al-Mahdi. (AP)

A neighboring country was allegedly involved in the plot. The authorities did not name the country, but it is assumed in Khartoum to be Egypt.

Relations between the two countries have been strained since Mahdi's ouster. The Egyptian government is accusing Sudan of training Islamic fundamentalists and sending them back to Egypt to attack the establishment.

The Sudanese government denies this, accusing Egypt in turn of giving sanctuary to opposition elements, including the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army fighting a war of secession in the south of the country. (Reuters)

Protestant leader killed in Iran

A group defending persecuted Christians worldwide said this week that a Protestant leader had been murdered in Iran — the second this year.

Portes Ouvertes (Open Doors), founded in the Netherlands in 1955, appealed to United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Jose Ayala Lasso to intervene with Iran on behalf of Christians in the country.

It identified the dead man as Tateson Michaelian, a 62-year-old Presbyterian preacher who was acting chairman of the Council of Protestant Ministers in Iran.

In that post he had succeeded Bishop Halk Hovsepian Mehr of the Iranian Assemblies of God church who was found murdered near Teheran in January.

Exile and church groups accused Iranian authorities of involvement in Hovsepian's death, alleging it was part of a campaign against Christians, especially those who had been born Moslems.

Iranian authorities have denied the charges. Portes Ouvertes was active in the past in the defense of Christians in the Soviet Union and other communist countries. Michaelian, a former general secretary of the Iranian Bible Society, disappeared on June 29.

On July 2, according to the group, his son was summoned by the Iranian police to identify his body, which had several bullet wounds in the head. (News agencies)

Keeping alive Syria's 'golden knight'

KATE DOURIAN
DAMASCUS

FIVE months after the death of President Hafez Assad's eldest son, Syria remains a nation in mourning and its capital a giant mausoleum to Bassel Assad.

Posters of Bassel, aged 32 when he died in a car crash on January 21, are still being pasted on every wall across the country in an effort to immortalize the man they call the "golden knight of Syria."

Airports, hospitals, military academies, mosques, streets, gardens and squares are being renamed after the army major who has been anointed national hero and martyr.

Was he the heir apparent? Opinion among diplomats is divided.

Some believe he was being groomed for high office or even as a successor to his 64-year-old father, who has ruled the country for nearly a quarter of a century. The diplomats say he had the qualifications for stepping into his father's shoes.

The eldest of Assad's four children — three boys and a girl — Bassel had the leadership credentials. He was an army major with a degree in engineering, a parachutist and master equestrian with a string of successes on the turf. He also had a passion for fast cars.

"Don't forget that you cannot have a leader in Syria who does not have a base in the army," said a well-informed Syrian source, acknowledging that even in official circles Bassel was considered a qualified candidate.

"People had hopes that Bassel would make things better. He was already looking at ways to crack down on corruption," the source said. "Now they are afraid that there will be chaos if Assad goes because they cannot see who can replace him."

Shortly after Bassel died, attention turned to his younger brother Bashar, a soldier and a doctor.

But Bashar has kept a relatively low profile except for a brief public appearance recently when he

received a team of Cossack horsemen who rode all the way to Syria from southeast Russia to pay their last respects to Bassel.

That Bassel was widely admired among the population of 13 million is apparent.

"His death was a blow because people really believed that Bassel would improve things," said another diplomat.

Like Assad's other children, Bassel was brought up strictly and was never seen as the privileged son of a powerful president, the diplomats say.

Bassel on horseback, in parachute outfit, wearing a suit and tie or sporting dark glasses are some of the images proliferating around the country.

An exhibition has opened at the renamed Martyr Bassel Assad Academy, where he trained as a young cadet. Among dozens of portraits is a mural of Bassel in army uniform on horseback, surrounded by horses on the ground and angels in the sky as he ascends to heaven.

Some Syrians are even attributing healing powers to the dead Bassel. A Syrian woman says her maid recently asked for a holiday to visit his grave at Qardaha in the north because she had heard the sick were being healed.

His death while driving in fog on the Damascus airport road came as a shock to most Syrians. His name — which means valiant lion — suggested invincibility.

"People are now worried that the stability they nurtured so painstakingly for so long could go up in smoke," said one diplomat.

But a senior government official, presidential aide Bahjat Sulaiman, said recently people saw brother Bashar as a symbol and guarantee for stability and continuation of the president's policies.

And Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas, speaking 40 days after Bassel's death, declared that Bashar had all the qualifications to follow in the steps of his brother. (Reuters)

Moroccan concern goes public

MOROCCO'S biggest private enterprise is going public and global in a bid to pump up the country's economy and attract more investors.

The ONA group, often identified as a private enterprise of the Moroccan royal family, has for the first time since its founding in 1919 made a public offering of 4.6 million shares, 900,000 of them listed on the Casablanca Bourse.

ONA already has holdings in Europe, the US and Africa; in addition, officials expect to expand further into the Arab world, Asia and South Africa.

As a symbol of its success, it has attracted the interest of foreign investors such as Citibank, the Hungarian financier George Soros, the American investment bank Salomon Brothers, Banco Exterior de Espana and the French food group BSN (Danone).

"ONA's offer worth \$161 million is a concrete sign of Morocco's leading enterprise's policy of openness," said Adil Douiri, a Casablanca Finance Group (CFG) analyst.

"It shows that our country, as an emerging market, is undergoing major changes in its thinking and style of management."

ONA officials said about 4,500 new shareholders subscribed in the May 2-16 offer, increasing capital to 1.72 billion dirhams (\$186m.) from 1.25b. dirhams (\$135m.).

More than 3.7m. shares were reserved for Moroccan and foreign institutions. The remaining

900,000 shares were reserved for the general public.

Fouad Filali, the group's dynamic 38-year-old president, and three other young Moroccan managers appointed in the late 1980s, expect turnover to rise to 24.3b. dirhams (\$2.62b.) by the end of 1994, up from 13.9b. dirhams (\$1.50b.) in 1991.

With more than 50 affiliated firms, ONA is expanding in the agroindustry, fishing, mining, high-technology and financial sectors, and has increased staff by 30 percent from 17,160 to 24,243 in the last three years.

FOUNDED IN 1919 by Paribas of France, ONA was "Moroccanized" in 1973 when foreign industrial and commercial enterprises were obliged to hand over at least 51 percent control to Moroccan shareholders.

Since then, the government has given top priority to private enterprise. "Moroccanization" has been abrogated to allow foreigners to own up to 100 percent of share capital. More than 100 state enterprises are being privatized.

Riding a wave of free-market policies, ONA has spread into almost every sector in the country including banking, sugar, textiles, clothing, insurance, transport, tourism, supermarkets, mass media and real estate.

"In 1993, we borrowed \$30m. from the international market

banks on very wide credit lines. We have the means to pay back the money," Robert Assaraj, ex-manager of the Optique trade group, an ONA subsidiary, told Casablanca businessmen.

Filali, the son of new Prime Minister Abdelatif Filali and an Italian mother, is King Hassan's son-in-law through marriage to the monarch's daughter, Princess Lalla Meriem.

After studying economics in Paris, he spent seven years in New York with merchant bankers Laidlaw Adams and Peck and was a consultant for Sears World Trade.

"With connections like that, you definitely have an inside track when doing business in Morocco," a Western diplomat said.

ONA is often criticized by opposition parties who see it as an "octopus-like" organization establishing monopolies.

"The ONA group is the economic locomotive hauling the country into the future and avoiding the control of our strategic economic sectors by foreign monopolies," Amyn Alami, the CFG manager, counters.

In 1993, 37 percent of ONA's stock was held by Moroccan banks, 27 percent by European and Arab interests, 18 percent by the royal family and the rest by private individuals.

"Now, ONA's stock has changed, 31.3% is held by foreign interests, 45.9% by Moroccan institutions, 13.7% by the royal family and 8.9% by Bourse subscribers," Filali said. (Reuters)

Egypt's Copts want their problems aired

CAIRO — A Coptic weekly newspaper said last week that a national dialogue on Egypt's political and economic future must include the problems of the Coptic community if it is to succeed.

The newspaper *Watani*, a mouthpiece for Egypt's Orthodox Christian community, said in an unusually outspoken editorial that the government had "worked to increase the wave of bigotry, antipathy and hatred against Copts, and their oppression."

The paper said that government institutions had begun an anti-Copt wave in the 1970s by giving Egyptian television and radio stations the green light to hire Moslem preachers to attack Christianity.

"The government has covered its eyes and ears and has not moved, but continued its mistaken policy against the wretched Copts," *Watani* said.

"The problems and pain of Copts and what they meet in the face of troubles and fanaticism, and the violation of their rights as citizens... requires that the [na-

tional] dialogue committee study the situation from all angles and find solutions," it added.

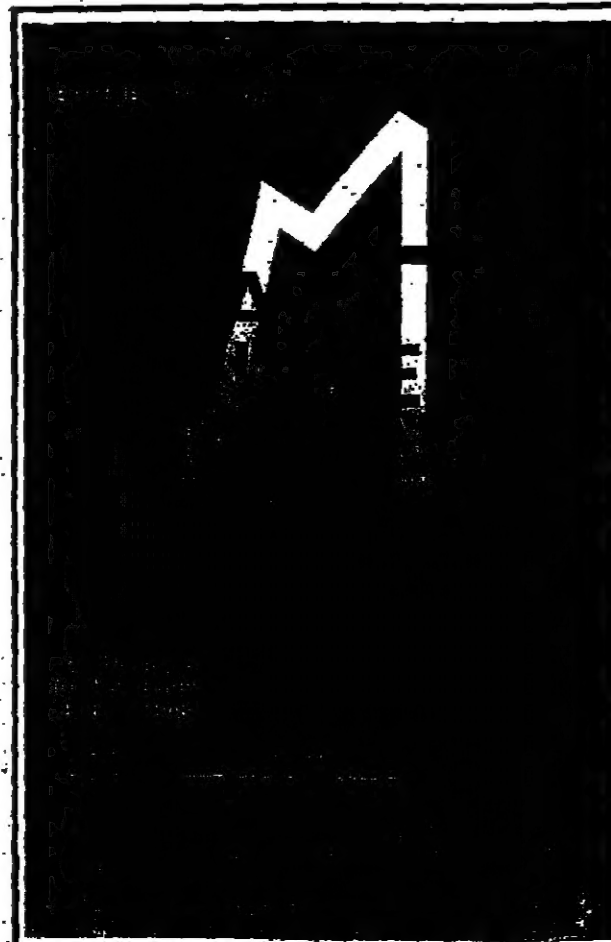
"Unless Egyptians work as one people with love and sincerity, the solutions you draw up for Egypt's many problems will not succeed," the paper told the government.

The national dialogue — which began last week — has only a handful of Copts among its 250 participants. According to the preparatory committee, representatives of the country's Moslem and Christian hierarchies were not invited because Egyptians are one people, "regardless of religion."

Copts say there are eight to 10 million of them in Egypt, about 16 percent of the population. The official figure is five million.

The constitution guarantees all Egyptians equal rights, but Copts complain of discrimination, saying they are denied access to positions of authority.

Some Moslem militants have targeted Copts in their campaign to overthrow the government and set up a strict Islamic state. (Reuters)



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The Russia-Syria connection

ONE of the main arguments for reaching a quick peace agreement with Syria is that Hafez Assad's regime can no longer rely on a Soviet "umbrella." The cold war is over, the communist empire is no more, the only superpower is the US, and Russia - drowning in colossal economic problems - is out of the Middle East power game, say proponents of this thesis. A Russia open to the West and dependent on Western investments will neither incite radical regimes to wage war, nor provide them with arms, and would certainly not give them the diplomatic, political, and strategic cover in case of defeat.

One of the problems with this theory is that it presupposes a Middle Eastern reasonableness unsupported by recent history. Saddam Hussein had no Soviet umbrella. On the contrary, Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union joined the coalition against him. Yet he refused to yield to realistic considerations and fought a hopeless war against the armies of 28 nations.

Now another factor challenges conventional wisdom. A little-noticed report from Bonn reveals that Russia is developing a new generation of ballistic missiles, more accurate and powerful than anything on the market today. Even more startling is the news that, despite its economic difficulties, Moscow is spending heavily to improve its nuclear warheads.

There are many explanations for this conduct. A theory now developing in American universities posits that the world is witnessing the emergence of "post-communist Russian imperialism." For its advocates, news of large Russian arms expenditures is evidence that the arms race is continuing, regardless of the Soviet empire's demise, and that Russia poses a danger to the West even if it is not nominally a superpower.

Others think that President Boris Yeltsin is merely trying to placate the military establishment, to which he owes his survival in power. And there are still others who are convinced that the motive is purely economic: Russia wants to use the highly developed weapons technology and

engineering skills of its military establishment, acquired over decades of feverish competition with the US, to earn foreign currency. In today's tough market, government-subsidized, technologically advanced arms, manufactured by cheap labor, have tremendous advantages.

It does not require an overactive imagination to understand how these developments threaten Israel. Since the end of the Gulf War, the Arab regimes have spent \$60 billion on arms purchases. Unlike the Gulf states, Syria could not pay cash, and has accumulated a debt of over \$10 billion to Russia.

Until recently, Moscow insisted that the debt had to be paid before more sales could be negotiated - which made Israel, aware of Syria's economic pressures, hope that financial imperatives would slow down Syria's arms drive. But Russia is now so eager to sell arms that it has canceled the Syrian debt, and Damascus can again become a prime customer in good standing.

That Russia wishes to recapture the arena of Middle Eastern power politics is evident from recent Russian moves. Moscow is obviously becoming less impressed by the notion that the US is the only superpower. As Edward Luttwak points out elsewhere on this page, possessing an arsenal of nuclear weapons does not necessarily qualify its owner as a superpower.

Recent debates in Somalia, Bosnia, and Haiti indicate that the US has neither the inclination nor the will to act as a great power. Nor apparently does any of the Western democracies. That a Russia run by its military establishment would want to fill this power vacuum, particularly in the Middle East, is hardly far-fetched.

What Israel must ask itself is whether the change in the world balance of power has indeed been unalterable and decisive enough to warrant a drastic change in defense concepts; and whether the emerging realities in the region make the relinquishment of strategic assets like the Golan and the Judea-Samaria mountain range seem like a risk Israel can reasonably take.

Baltic double-think

IT may be three years since the Baltic republics won their independence from Soviet domination, but suspicion of Russia still lingers deep in the minds of their peoples. President Bill Clinton, currently touring eastern Europe, will try to persuade the former Soviet satellite states that the time has come to look west with hope and not east with fear. It will not be an easy task.

Old habits die hard and while communism has fallen and governments have changed, many underlying structures and attitudes of the Cold War still remain. The sharpest reminder to the fledgling republics of their lost past remains the presence of some 10,500 Russian soldiers in Latvia and 2,500 in Estonia. Russian troops have left Lithuania and those in Latvia are due to go by August 31; but there is no agreement on Estonia.

The nervousness of the Baltic states is understandable, but they have been less than reciprocal in putting their relations with Moscow on a new footing. If they expect Clinton to put pressure on President Boris Yeltsin over the troops issue, they also must be prepared for him to ask questions about the rights of ethnic Russians living in the new republics. This is a valid Russian concern and Yeltsin has yet to get a satisfactory response to his complaints that Estonian language and citizenship laws are discriminatory and that a new Latvian

citizenship law passed last month will bar many Russian-speakers from becoming citizens. This law has been severely criticized by the Council of Europe and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

If such measures are meant to be retaliatory for the former Soviet occupation of these states, then the Baltic governments are on the wrong track. There is no reason why ordinary Estonian or Latvian Russians, whose homes and families are established in these states, should not be welcomed as citizens. The leaders of the republics should be aware that Yeltsin is under pressure from his own nationalist extremists over the treatment of Russians in former Soviet republics. The insane threat by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy to irradiate the Baltic states with nuclear waste and reoccupy them certainly gives the Balts cause for grave concern about Yeltsin's position.

They are not helping Yeltsin and his reformers by choosing a surly confrontational attitude and taking it out on their Russian residents who want no more than to live in freedom. Nor can they expect Clinton to make Yeltsin's difficult life even more difficult on their behalf before they have assured everyone within their borders of full civil and human rights. That is the quickest way to get the troops out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMP

Sir, - Articles by D'vora Ben Shaul are always interesting and informative. Especially in these days when so much of the news is depressing, it is a pleasure to read her column. However, I was disturbed by her treatment of Environment Minister Yossi Sarid's statement concerning the health of workers in the Dimona nuclear facilities (June 13). Yes, his remark was meaningless from a statistical point of view, and deserved to be panned, but she should have followed up by adding that no group has so persistently ignored scientific analysis of data as the anti-nuclear faction. Time and again these modern-day Luddites have twisted facts, used anecdotal evi-

STEPHEN S. COHEN
Ma'aleh Adumim.

THE SHAMGAR REPORT

Sir, - The Shamgar report has now been released, and the radio and TV are full of reports, commentaries and interviews in its wake. Many of them filled with the anguish of those who had hoped for heads to roll.

Over 30 presumably innocent lives were lost in the horrible crime that gave rise to the Shamgar Commission, cut down by an unbalanced killer in a holy place as they were at prayer. A similar number were murdered in the PLO attack on the Istanbul synagogue a few years ago, cut down in a holy place while at prayer. The earlier outrage emphatically does not excuse the later; but I am dis-

STAN GOODMAN
Kiryat Tivon.

MAMMALS' LIMBS

Sir, - D'vora Ben Shaul gets a C minus on her report on limbs in mammals (June 17). Two pairs of limbs are found in all vertebrates - fish, frogs, lizards, birds and mammals, making this among the least of the identifying characteristics of mammals, certainly not, as Ben Shaul noted, "second only to ... mammary glands."

Mammals are identified, generally, by possessing hair rather than feathers or scales, and by a number of less obvious skeletal and dental characteristics. Mammary glands, in fact, are not necessarily easily recognized in many instances.

DR. MORRIS GOLDMAN
Tel Aviv.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Sir, - It was great to see so many tourists and visitors in Jerusalem, in particular UJA delegates who are presumably the leaders of American Jewish communities.

While Sabbath observance is an individual choice, an organization that represents Jewish communities must respect the Sabbath in its activities. I was shocked to observe a bus of UJA delegates traveling to a museum on Saturday morning (June 25). A banner on the front of the bus proudly identified the passengers as UJA delegates.

What message was that from the UJA? Is that leadership?
DR. C. D. CHOMSKI
Jerusalem (Montreal).



Rabin's new Zionism

AMOS CARMEL

I would rather have IDF soldiers on our front line and not kibbutz children's houses," the prime minister recently told the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee.

What could be more obvious, less arguable? It doesn't take a great analytical mind to understand Rabin's point. But even so, it is worth examining his intentions and drawing some conclusions.

The prime minister himself went on to explain what he meant, adding: "The IDF is what controls the Golan. Without the army, nothing there will be worth anything."

In other words, the prime minister of Israel, the leader of the Labor Party, one of the chiefs of the Palmach (whose banner showed a wheat sheaf together with a sword) believes that settlements in the Golan Heights aren't "worth" much, and should be moved away from the front line. How far?

The answer is interesting, not just as it applies to the Golan, but in a broader geopolitical context. We have kibbutzim on borders with other confrontation states. What do we do with the children's houses on those front lines? Move them? How far?

Take, for example, the children's houses of Manara and Hanita. Should they remain where they are?

Are these two kibbutzim "worth" it from a security point of view? Do the all-too-frequent exchanges of fire around them mean

they should be relocated to a more secure area in the Dan region?

The prime minister's statement to the Knesset committee raises questions about his concept of Zionism. He is trying to set military men and settlers, children's houses and tanks, at cross pur-

poses to each other. But he can't stop just where it is politically convenient. If there really is a conflict of interest here, it will be visible everywhere, including every settlement that went up before June 1967. After all, their infants are no better fighters than other infants. Their contribution to national security is no greater. We must get them off the front line too, and the sooner the better.

AND WE might also ask the prime minister: Just how do you plan to make use of the IDF forces along the Golan border?

It is clear as day that all Rabin's talk about evacuating settlements from the Golan stems from his desire to placate the Syrians. But what have the Syrians themselves to say about this? All the signs indicate that they will not tolerate any Israeli presence on the Golan, whether children's houses or military outposts. Syrian opposition to our tractors is no less forceful than their opposition to our tanks and missiles. Their demand for withdrawal isn't limited to settlements. In these circumstances, Rabin's statement denigrating the settlements is tantamount to an announcement that Israel is prepared to relinquish any position on the Golan Heights. In other words, Rabin is selling us a strategy that exists nowhere but in a Chagall painting. The IDF forces that he wants to use against Syria must hover somewhere in the air. The soldiers who are to provide "worthwhile" control on the Golan are not to touch the ground. In short, in his simplistic statement about kibbutz children's houses, Rabin isn't saying that tanks will replace settlements on the Golan Heights. He is saying there will be a complete capitulation. In addition, he is delegitimizing the entire Zionist settlement endeavor. Is this what he meant during the election campaign, when he pledged to introduce a new order of priorities?

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Best soldiers money can buy

EDWARD LUTTWAK

IT isn't just President Clinton who has backed away from armed confrontation over Korea, Haiti, Somalia and Bosnia, but American society.

The world wants the US to act as a Great Power. But Americans decline the honor. They aren't willing to pay the price in blood.

During much of the Cold War, as before it, local and regional conflicts were often instigated, or at least encouraged and materially supported, by rival great powers. Now, by contrast, it is the absence of functioning great powers that is the cause of the world's inability to cope not only with aggressive small powers such as Serbia and secessionists of all kinds, but even with rampaging armed bands.

By the classic definition, great powers were states strong enough to wage war successfully on their own, i.e., without allies. That distinction is now outdated. The issue today isn't whether war can be waged with or without allies, but whether it can be waged at all. For, it turns out, all along there was a tacit precondition to great-power status: a readiness to use force whenever it was advantageous to do so, accepting the resulting combat casualties with equanimity - so long as their number was not disproportionate.

In the past, great powers would normally be able to rely on intimidation rather than actual combat because it was taken for granted that they would use force when called for. Nor did a great power conceive of limiting its use of force to situations in which genuinely "vital" interests, i.e., survival interests, were at stake.

Great powers could remain "great" only if they were seen to be willing and able to use force to protect interests far from vital. The Somalia debacle, precipitated by the loss of 18 US soldiers, and the hasty retreat of the USS Harlan County when challenged by a small group of armed Haitian thugs, exposes the unreality of the great-power concept in our own days.

The condition is far from exclusively American. Most recently, Britain and France (not to mention Germany) flatly refused to risk their forces to resist aggression in the former Yugoslavia.

IF LIVES can be placed at risk only in situations already dramatically prominent on the national scene, that in itself already rules out the most efficient use of force - earlier rather than later, to prevent escalation rather than fight it at full strength.

More important, to use force only if there is an immediately compelling justification suits only threatened small powers. A great power, if it is to protect allies, clients and longer-range global interests, must risk combat in situations in which it is not compelled to fight. And that is the choice now denied by the fear of casualties.

Much can be done by air power with few lives at risk, and sea power too can be useful at times. Also, we already have some robotic weapons and will have more. But Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti and now North Korea remind us that the typical great power business of "restoring order" still requires ground forces.

Unless we are content to cohabit with chronic disorder and widespread violence, a synthetic version of great-power "law and order" interventionism will have to be invented.

The remedies we already have are certainly inadequate. Powerfully equipped armed forces are ineffectual when intimidation fails and we still refuse to fight. And our ability to intimidate will surely decline as word of our reluctance to act spreads.

We are therefore left with two rather improbable schemes. Both circumvent the societal refusal to accept the casualties of war. Both could be organized. Yet both would be furiously opposed by our military establishment, and undeniably have unpleasant moral connotations. One scheme would be to copy the Gurkha model, recruiting troops in some suitable region abroad, if not Nepal itself. They would be mercenaries of course, but they could be of high quality, and a common ethnic origin would assure their basic cohesion. In practice, our Gurkhas would provide the infantry units, with "native" US forces providing the more technical forms of combat support that carry smaller risks and fewer casualties.

The alternative is to copy the Foreign Legion model, with US-officered units manned by "denationalized" individual volunteers, perhaps attracted by the offer of US citizenship after a given term of service.

Under both schemes, political responsibility for any casualties would be much reduced, even if not entirely eliminated. The US, by the way, did raise ethnic mercenary units in Indochina, with rather good results, and did recruit individual foreign volunteers for Europe-based Special Forces. So neither scheme is as outlandish or unprecedented as it may seem.

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Hear me roar

ROB WISHART

THE transformation was completed on a recent Saturday afternoon, when I found myself standing on the lawn with a cordless phone in one hand and a Frisbee in the other.

I was talking to my wife about plans for dinner at a restaurant on Melrose Avenue, and I was flinging the flying disk for our dog. And the thought occurred to me: I had become California Person.

In the six years since we moved to the land of low-fat milk and organic honey, I have survived drought, water rationing, drip irrigation, several earthquakes, a lot, rain so heavy houses slid down hillsides and trips to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where the stars go to die.

I have stood at the top of Mount Hollywood with a bottle of Evan water in my fanny pack. My grocery store is at Melrose and Vine. My dog's vet has valet parking.

I know that morning clouds almost never mean rain. I know all the words to "I Love L.A." I no longer turn and stare when a '58 Thunderbird or a '57 Chevy rolls by.

I am used to seeing - and politely ignoring - famous actors when I go shopping. A movie location

I am strong. I am invincible. I am California Person

shoot is just the cause of a detour, not curiosity. I am used to seeing major sporting events on TV at breakfast time.

I know how to spell "Chardonnay," and I know not to serve it ice cold. I know that a tostada is not made by Dodge.

I can figure out what time it is in Tokyo. I think all those people in Washington, DC, my former home, are self-centered, pompous idiots who ought to get real jobs. I don't smoke any more. I go parties here where nobody smokes, even outside.

I expect flowers to bloom in my garden on Christmas Day. I have swatted flies in January. I love to chuckle over blizzard reports from cities where I used to live. I no longer own a parka, and can find only one of my gloves. Umbrella? It's around here somewhere.

I know the difference between a gardener and a lawn guy. I know nobody has ever rolled a 300 game at the Hollywood Bowl. I view 15 miles per hour on the freeway as steady progress. I am used to waiting 20 minutes instead of five for a bus during rush hour.

I know City Hall is the building Superman used to jump over on TV. I have hiked in the state park, where helicopters used to land on MASH. I have been in the Griffith Park cave, from which the Batmobile used to come roaring. I know how to get discount tickets to Disneyland.

I know the best time of the year to visit Yosemite. I have seen buffalo roaming free on Catalina Island. I know that Catalina is part of L.A. County. I know the location of the unmarked road to the best beach at Big Sur.

I know the difference between Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day. I know the best parking lot to use for a speedy exit from Dodger Stadium. I can count on my fingers the number of times I have eaten red meat this year.

Now I certainly have my doubts that any of this has made me a better person. But it does mean I have adapted enough to this unique environment that I have a slightly better chance of surviving here than I did six years ago.

For better or for worse, I am California Person. Hear Me Roar. I am Strong. I am Invincible.

The writer is an assistant editor of the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service.

POSTSCRIPTS

SOMEBODY GOOFED. One of the Postscripts in yesterday's paper was missing a dozen lines or so. We will try again:

VEGETARIANS MUST have been running the (New York) Herald Tribune 50 years ago.

The front page of the paper's June 6, 1944, edition reported on the D-Day invasion of the day before. Directly below the massive, blaring, banner headline, leading the second column, is this item:

Hitler Loses Standing As a Vegetarian, Too

LONDON, June 5. - Adolf Hitler has lost his standing as a vegetarian, according to Leslie Stevens, newly elected secretary of the London Vegetarian Society.

"Our information," Stevens said today, "shows that for some time Hitler has lived on liver extract." "As for Mussolini," he added, "he may have taken up vegetarianism on doctor's orders because of stomach trouble, but we don't regard him as a vegetarian, either."

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Not just another pretty voice

Male and female Reform cantors in America play many roles today, along with the traditional one of singer, Hillel Kuttler reports from Baltimore, Maryland

CANTORS still need a good voice, but they also have to be in tune with their congregations. "As the cantor has evolved now, we impact on the synagogue well beyond the music, so the contact with the congregants is all-encompassing," Vicki L. Axe said.

Axe is president of the American Conference of Cantors, a Reform group, and cantor at Temple Israel in Columbus, Ohio.

"When I look out at my congregants, I look at people I bar mitzva'ed, people I've married, people I've visited in the hospital. It's completely different than just coming in Friday night and singing the liturgy."

The changing role of the cantor in American synagogue life was one of the themes of last week's annual meeting here of the ACC.

The cantor's evolution is illustrated not only by the fact that Axe is the group's first female head, or that about half of those in attendance were women. It was also seen in the convention program, which featured workshops on such subjects as "pastoral counseling," "the changing lay expectations of the cantor," and "intermarriage ramifications."

Gone, said several of the 225 professionals attending the gathering, is the one-dimensional image of the cantor as entertainer, as the prayer service's central figure regaling worshippers with an operatic, solemn voice.

"I think what you're seeing in the cantorate today is a shift in the role of

the cantor," said Howard Stahl, ACC's executive vice-president and the cantor at Temple Israel in Lawrence, New York.

"In the past, the role of the cantor was to daven [pray], to perform life-cycle events. Today, involvement in communal life is so much broader. You have cantors who are teaching - bar mitzva, adult education, youth programs, counseling. There's a cross-pollination in the involvement of cantors overlapping many roles."

So for people who sojourn ask, "What do cantors do between Sunday and Friday?" the answer, Stahl said, is "about 60 to 70 percent of what they are engaged to do."

SOME BELIEVE the shifting role can be traced to changes in the Reform synagogue experience.

According to Axe, when American Reform Judaism began expanding in the mid-19th century, it shunned cantors aside, favoring the Christian, choir-focused model. Instead of cantors, rabbis

would lead prayers. But less than 50 years ago, she said, there was a swing back to tradition, albeit with a new approach - cantors inviting worshippers to participate in the singing.

"In the middle of this century, we had a yearning to be who we are as Jews; we didn't have to be ashamed of being Jewish," Axe said. "The development of the current-day cantor is part of that. The people we are, are uniquely qualified to help people connect to their Jewish souls."

Consequently, cantors in the Reform movement today are being taught Bible, Midrash - and counseling. Such courses of study are quite a departure from the "old days, [when] anybody with a pleasantly trained voice would call themselves a hazzan," said Richard Botton of New York's Central Synagogue.

Axe described herself as "a perfect example" of the changes. A 29-year-old music teacher in the late 1970s, she decided - it was "like a lightning bolt" - to enter cantorial school to do "what I should be doing."

Like Axe, the handful of students now graduating each year from Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music "are more mature in their life experience, and that's impacted on who the cantors are today," she said.

Not only rabbis, but cantors, too, are bringing their experience to bear on contemporary threats to Jewish life such as assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish illiteracy. But they are also confronted with the inroads popular culture has made into the area of liturgical music.

"One problem is the commercialization of Jewish liturgical music and the other is the decline of quality and standards of the music, going for a common denominator of music that is easily accessible," said Sam Sargon, a veteran composer who is musical director of a Dallas synagogue, though not a cantor.

"One thing cantors and musical directors need to do is to insist on quality in the worship service, and not capitulate totally to this demand for easy listening all the time," he said. "I think congregants respond when they hear things that have a spiritual core at a high level."

Others, such as New York cantor Oreen Zeitlin, maintained that just as cantors adapt to a changing world, so too must the music bend to new realities. "As cantors, it's our job to find the best music we have... to suit the needs of our congregations."

"In every generation, you have to re-discover the Torah.... Each generation has to find the meaning for it. If we use the same music as in the Middle Ages, it won't be appropriate."



Students now getting diplomas as cantors include women and older candidates. Their cantorial duties have multiplied beyond sacred music.

Looking for a key to lock up wayward teenage girls

Recalling rescue by US Joint

For some girls, being in a locked facility is the first step toward rehabilitation, but this country has none, Batsheva Tsur reports

VISITORS are a rare treat at Mesila, and the teenage girls at the facility had been preparing their dance costumes and their performance for a long time.

Rachel and Sarah walked around with baskets of flowers, pinning carnations on the visitors' lapels. Betti and Yael practiced their English, posing for a snapshot with the guests from abroad.

Nina was supposed to appear with the dance troupe at a recent reception for visiting American philanthropists.

Before that, the 17-year-old was given two days off to take part in her sister's 21st birthday celebration.

But when the dozen or so smiling teenagers leaped onto an improvised stage to the sound of cheerful music, Nina was not there.

"She was arrested last night," Shlomo Shoham, director of Mesila, a home for delinquent teenage girls, told Milton Wolf, president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"Her mother and her third husband, who has a criminal record, took the girls to celebrate the birthday at a local pub. It was busted by police. They recognized the husband. There is a history of incest, and Nina is very attached to the husband. She had a breakdown when they took him in last time," Shlomo told Wolf.



Delinquent teenage girls undergoing rehabilitation near Jerusalem talk to visitors from American Jewish organizations. (Vera Eshion)

"Nina has been doing very well at Mesila, but when she saw her stepfather being detained, she lost her cool."

Mesila is home to 24 teenage girls who have lost their cool to the extent that a court sent them there. Some have criminal backgrounds. The Joint, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, is assisting the Labor and Social Welfare Ministry in improving conditions at the institution.

The 24 girls currently at Mesila - a former British Army recreation center and later a locked facility for delinquent boys located just outside Jerusalem - include two Russian immigrants and an Ethiopian.

The Joint last year began working with the staff on special training projects, as well as helping

improve the administration of the facility. It has expanded its involvement to include a project for a three-staged program for delinquent girls aged 13 to 17.

At the top of the list is the construction of a locked facility, according to Tzion Gabay, head of development in the education and regional project division of the

JDC-Israel.

"There is no answer today for girls who are in a bad situation who need a locked facility. There is none today in Israel," Gabay said.

"There are 50 girls each year who need a locked facility.... If

you don't place them in a locked facility, they can't begin the process of rehabilitation."

The ultimate goal is a three-tiered program beginning with a locked institution for the first six months, then a partially open one, such as Mesila, and finally shared apartments in the city.

Gabay expects construction of the locked facility to begin next year and be completed in 1996. The cost of the total project is estimated at \$3 million; Gabay said the Joint has promised to try to find donors for \$1m.

IT IS early morning. The girls have tidied their rooms. The bedding has been folded, the shoes put in neat lines under the sofa beds (three to a room) and balloons hang from the poster-covered walls.

In a classroom, those not in the dance group are working on a computer or answering riddles posed by a soldier-teacher.

Galit was jealous of the attention another girl was getting from a reporter.

"Interview me," she said. "Give me your notebook. I want to see what you have written. I want to write instead of you."

She was also bursting to talk, rattling off a family history of prostitution, drug addiction and abuse.

"Do you want to hear my case history? I have nothing to live for," Galit said. "I have attempted suicide 15 times. I slit my wrists. I swallowed pills. What is there in life for me? I know I'll never hold down a job. I just want to get married. If Shlomo [Shoham] shouts at me for coming late

- I stayed the night with my new boyfriend - I'll just kill myself today. What excuse can I give him?"

The visitors get ready to leave, and the large green gate is opened. The girls pose for some final photographs.

"Don't be deceived by those smiles," Shoham said.

A document that signaled a watershed change in the attitude of key American Jewish leaders toward the effort to smuggle Jews to Palestine after World War II was presented last week to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The document records a pledge of \$1 million by the American Joint Distribution Committee to help finance both the "Briha," the underground railroad that brought some 200,000 displaced Jews across the borders of postwar Europe, and Aliya Bet, the "illegal" transport of refugees by ship.

The three-page document was a secret memorandum of a conversation between Joseph Schwartz, who headed the European operation of the American Joint, and Eliezer Kaplan of the Jewish Agency. It was presented to Rabin by the president of the Joint, Milton Wolf, at a ceremony marking the organization's 80th birthday.

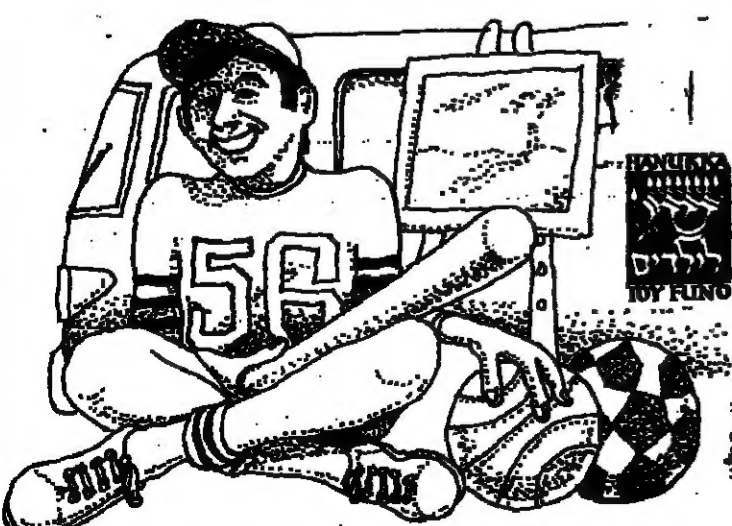
A humanitarian agency assisting Jews since World War I, the Joint was not a Zionist organization and some of its leaders were even anti-Zionist. The board was therefore reluctant when Schwartz, an eyewitness to the plight of the European Jewish survivors, pressed it to allocate funds to the Briha and Aliya Bet.

"Some of the people on the board were uncomfortable with the word 'illegal,'" recalled Ralph Goldman, former executive vice-president of the organization.

A threat by Schwartz to resign brought him the backing he sought, and Joint money became a major factor in the clandestine movement of Jews to Palestine.

Wolf noted that Rabin was at the time a member of the Palmach, which provided key figures in the operation. Abraham Rabinovich

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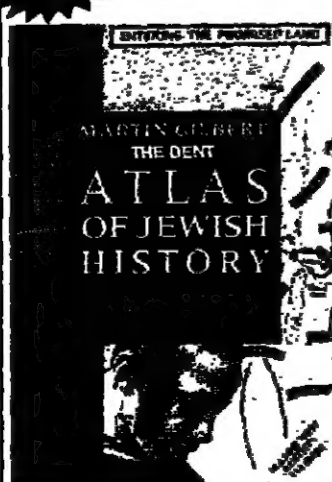
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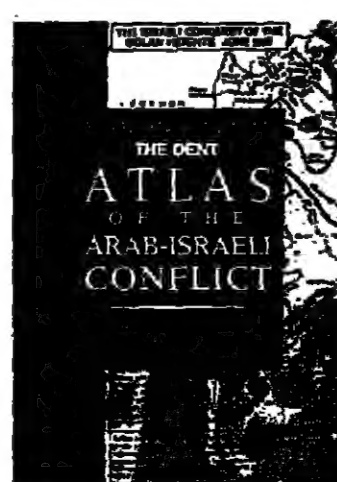
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Bank Leumi O	1.00	-0.05
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Market finally turns around

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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THE market yesterday bounced back sharply after weeks of nearly continuous declines. All the factors which had pushed it down turned around, thus lifting the market. The question, however, still remains whether this is a "flash in the pan," a simple technical correction or the beginning of stabilization.

The Two-Sided Index rose 3.4%, the Maof was up 4% while the Karam was steady, posting a 0.03% rise. Total turnover was NIS 181 million, of which NIS 130m. was on the Two-Sided.

The positive attitude of the provincial funds during Monday's trading, particularly near the end of the day, calmed investors' fears partially. There was, after all, someone on the market, even though its behavior lacked energy.

There was also the psychological impact that the Two-Sided dropped below the 150 line, giving the feeling that should declines continue, there would be no lower limit to them.

Statements by President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat also had an impact on the market.

It is far from clear, however, that the market would have behaved as it did on the basis of the above factors alone. What seems to have carried the day was a substantial change in the behavior of the mutual funds. By mid-morning, it was in a net selling position on the basis of redemptions estimated at NIS 100m. By noon, however, the Pekam (Hapoalim) funds posted net purchases of approximately NIS 60m., with purchases concentrated in Maof funds that were rumored to originate from the bank's provident funds. This was instrumental in changing the mood from down to buoyant - it created a change in policy on the part of portfolio managers who stopped selling and started buying.

Only three securities declined on the Two-Sided, while there was so-

FTSE down 5 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Equities finished only slightly weaker as a firm Wall Street helped lift the FTSE off its lows during the final hour of yesterday's session. At the 1530 GMT official close, the FTSE 100 index was down 5.4 points to 2,965.0, after an earlier low of 2,945.3.

FRANKFURT - Profit-taking and the weak German debt market depressed German share prices in yesterday's session, with the blue-chip DAX index ending 1.06 percent lower, dealers said.

The key indicator closed 21.71 points lower at 2,032.69, off an intraday high of 2,044.88. In post-bourse trading, activity fell off further still while the IBIS DAX index was barely changed from the DAX close.

Dealers said activity dwindled late in the session but saw volume up slightly from Monday's meager 4.5 billion shares. The market, although well supported, is increasingly worried about debt market reaction to a possible US rate increase following today's meeting of the US Federal Open Market Committee.

That, and worries about this week's Bundesbank council meeting and the G7 summit, kept investors firmly sidelined.

Reports of a major power station order from the Chinese government boosted Siemens early in the session but the stock succumbed to profit taking to end nine marks lower at 653.50. It pushed up to 655 marks in late-afternoon post-bourse trade.

While most shares ended lower in line with the market, engineering group Mannesmann bucked the trend to close 1.50 marks higher at 412 on reports of revived US interest. The stock gained a further 1.50 marks in post-bourse trade.

PARIS - The Nikkei average ended up 202.44 points or 0.98% to 20,834.7. HONG KONG - Stocks ended little changed after another day of thin, narrow trade, with investors sidelined by concerns about possible interest rate rises, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 5.09 points lower at 8,623.19.

SYDNEY - Bullish statements from major companies and higher futures lifted Australian shares past the 2000-point barrier for the first time in more than a week. The All Ordinaries index closed 16.3 points stronger at 2003.4.

JOHANNESBURG - South African industrial shares slipped in late Tuesday trade on reports that Minister of Finance Derek Keys would resign by Wednesday morning, but dealers said there was no panic sell-off. Golds remained steady, holding onto most gains. The overall index closed six points better at 3,460. The industrial index finished down 12 points to 6,273 and the gold index ended up nine points to 2,172.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue chip stocks ended slightly higher yesterday, but the broader market fared poorly, with traders nervous about the course of interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 5.83 points at 3,652.48, according to early and unofficial estimates.

Nasdaq stocks and Amex issues were hit by nervous selling linked to the Federal Reserve's two-day meeting on monetary policy that began yesterday. Traders fear interest rates could potentially turn higher, even though many economists say that won't happen soon.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SPR	FF
MARK	2.448040	162.8800	2.047787	2.365069
STERLING	1.599104	0.853055	1.241180	5.480983
YEN	1.191262	0.487294	74.4853	4.082974
SPR	0.291619	0.119295	18.2121	0.244749
FF	0.291619	0.119295	18.2121	0.244749

Italy wins after extra time; USA gives 'old college try'

Italy 2, Nigeria 1

Brazil 1, USA 0



FOXBORO (AP) — FOXBORO (AP) — Roberto Baggio erased Nigeria's lead with two minutes on the clock, then tallied an overtime penalty for the 2-1 winner as Italy overcame a one-man disadvantage and struggled into the World Cup quarterfinals yesterday.

Baggio broke an eight-game scoring drought in the 89th minute to level at 1-1, forcing this tournament's first overtime game just as Nigeria was poised to become the second African team to reach the round of eight.

Baggio connected again in the 12th minute of the first overtime period, slotting a penalty off the left post into the net after Augustine Eguavoen brought down Antonio Benarrivo in the area.

Italy seemed headed for humiliation when second-half substitute Gianfranco Zola was sent off for violent conduct in the 76th minute.

But the three-time world champions clawed back for their second win with one man down after beating Norway 1-0 the same way in the first round.

Italy meets Spain in the quarterfinals on Saturday at Foxboro Stadium.

Italy's comeback and Nigeria's heartbreak provided the drama in an otherwise run-of-the-mill game that set a World Cup record of 10 cards — nine yellow and one red.

Nigeria was playing its first World Cup final round.

"It was too bad that with two minutes to go, we lost control," said Nigeria's Mufiu Adepolu. "The tie really killed us."

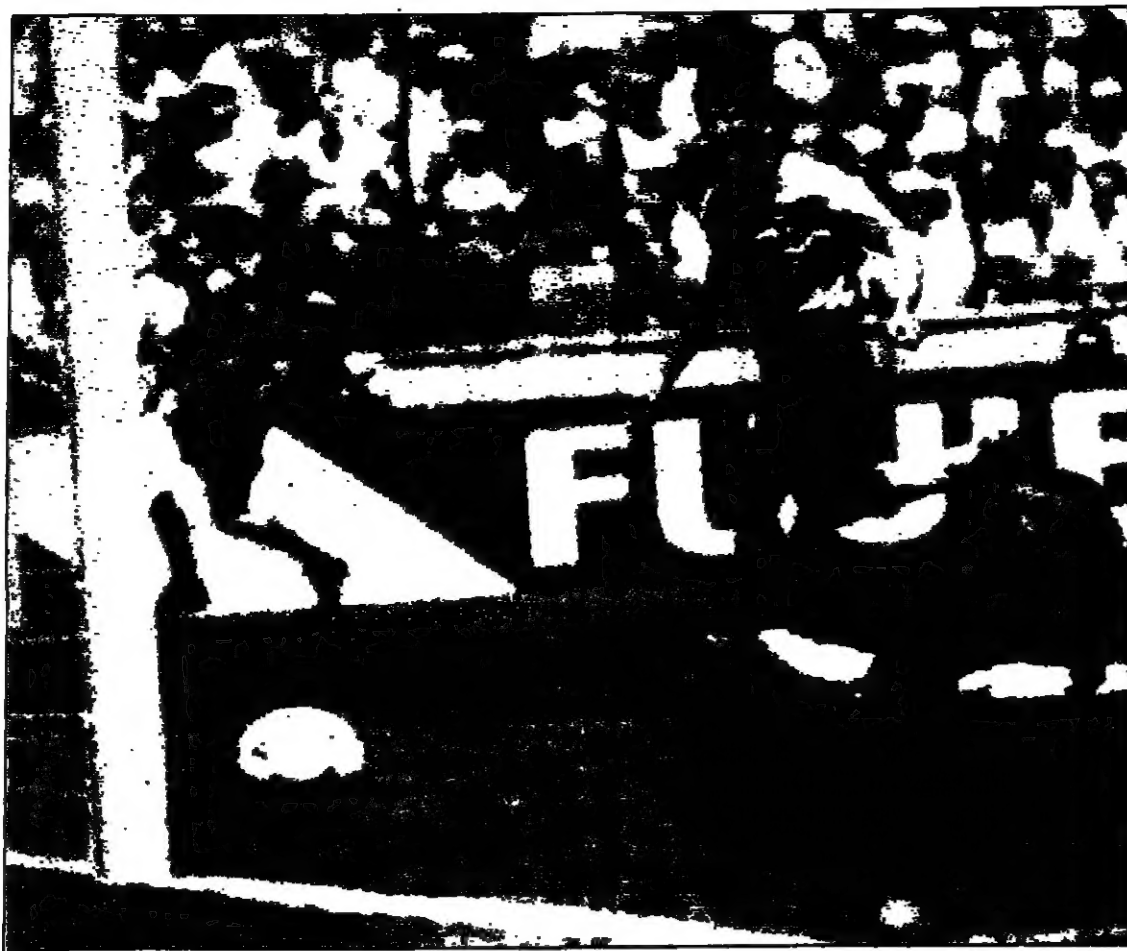
Emmanuel Amunike scored off an error by Italian captain Paolo Maldini in the 27th minute to give Nigeria the halftime edge.

Italy sent waves of assaults on Peter Rufai's goal in the second half and much of the first.

But Nigeria's powerful, physical defense and its own lack of punch kept out Italy until Baggio took a serve across the penalty area by Roberto Mussi and tucked a perfect low shot into the lower left corner from 15 meters.

Baggio — who has struggled to live up to his star billing — and Giuseppe Signori had their best game of the tournament up front but Italy still didn't manifest its characteristic sparkle.

Signori was yellow-carded in the 60th for taking a dive in the penalty area and Italy's humiliation seemed complete when Zola was sent off after 14 minutes on the field for grappling with Eguavoen.



THREADING THE NEEDLE — Brazilian forward Bebeto watches his game-winning goal get past USA keeper Tony Meola.

PALO ALTO (Reuter) — Favorites Brazil squeezed the USA out of the World Cup on Monday, frustrating the hosts' hopes of an Independence Day upset and booking a quarter-final spot with a scrappy win.

Brazil, whose defender Leonardo was sent off for elbowing Tab Ramos, will meet the Netherlands in Dallas on Saturday. Bebeto finally broke the deadlock in the 74th minute.

The USA, backed by a partisan crowd of 84,000 at Stanford University Stadium on Independence Day, went close on only one occasion but can be pleased with having got so far.

The Americans also had a player sent off — but by then their cause was almost lost.

Defender Fernando Clavijo received his marching orders for a second bookable offense in the 85th minute after he brought down Romario.

Romario failed to get on the scoring sheet for the first time in four matches at these finals but gave an inspirational performance in which he went close several times.

He hit the post in the last minute of the first half and provoked a superb, diving save from goalkeeper Tony Meola at the end of the second after dancing his way through the USA's tight defense.

Brazil started to put some good moves together only after a nervous first 20 minutes.

Defender Aldair went close after beating the Americans' offside trap in the 23rd minute but, sliding in on a pass in front of goal, stabbed the ball wide.

Bebeto drove a volley fractionally wide from a corner four minutes later and Romario drilled a low shot wide after a controlling ball and turning in one movement.

The Americans relied on packing their defense and hoping for a goal on the counter-attack. Marcelo Balboa, playing a record 94th international, started on defense with Alexi Lalas.

Their hopes were raised when French referee Joel Quiniou had no hesitation in producing a red card after Leonardo had sent Ramos reeling. The two players had tangled near the touchline.

But the Brazilians, led by captain Dunga in midfield and Romario in attack, continued to come at the Americans and gave their forwards hardly a sniff of goal.

World Cup at a Glance

Monday's results:
Brazil 1, USA 0 (Stanford)
Netherlands 2, Ireland 0 (Orlando)
Yesterday's results:
Italy 2, Nigeria 1 (Foxboro)
Last night's scheduled games:
Mexico-Bulgaria (East Rutherford)
End of second round.

Spurs plead for mercy

LONDON (Reuter) — Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar will make a "layman's plea for leniency" in an attempt to have a 12-point sentence cut at an English Football Association appeals tribunal today.

Tottenham, found guilty last month of making irregular payments, will fight the FA sentence, which includes a £600,000 fine and an FA Cup ban.

Four clubs will be relegated from the Premier League at the end of next season and starting 12 points adrift would spell almost certain doom for Tottenham.

Sugar, without the aid of his lawyers, will attempt to convince a three-man commission, headed by chairman Sir Bert Millichip, that the verdict should be scaled down.

"The legal arguments are over and Alan Sugar will stand before the commission and make a layman's plea for leniency," adviser Nick Hewer said yesterday.

"He will ask them to reduce the punishment for offenses committed years before he was in control and will ask them to bear in mind that it was he who alerted the FA to the breaches in a spirit of openness and honesty."

Some FA officials have appeared willing to concede that the penalties imposed were too harsh.

Douglas in coma

COLUMBUS, OH (AP) — Former heavyweight boxing champion James "Buster" Douglas was hospitalized yesterday and reportedly in a diabetic coma.

Douglas was the champion for only eight months. He was a 42-1 underdog when he won the title in February 1990 with a 10th-round KO of then-undefeated Mike Tyson in Tokyo. Eight months later, he lost his first title defense in three rounds to Evander Holyfield.

Ninth-inning hit wins for Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick May's line-drive single brought home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning Monday as the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Colorado Rockies 4-3 in the first game of a doubleheader.

The Cubs rallied for two runs in the ninth inning as Ruffin (3-4), the Colorado closer who blew his fifth save opportunity in 18 chances. Jose Bautista (2-3) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

In the second game, Dante Bichette hit a misplayed two-run double in the top of the 15th inning to give Colorado a split.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
First Game:
Colorado 100 000 000 — 3 8 1
Chicago 000 000 000 — 4 7 0

Second Game:
Colorado 100 000 000 — 4 11 2
Chicago 000 000 000 — 2 11 1 (18)

Chicago 100 000 000 — 3 8 1
Florida 000 000 000 — 1 10 0

St. Louis 400 122 400 — 13 25 2
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Philadelphia 000 000 000 — 10 12 0
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The Major-League All-Star game will be played on July 12 and not as stated. The Post regrets the error.

Bruce Walton (1-0), the sixth of seven Colorado pitchers, got the victory by pitching the 13th and 14th. Randy Myers (1-4) took the loss.

Reds 5, Marlins 1
All-Star Jose Rijo pitched six scoreless innings and Reggie Sanders broke the game open with a two-run, eighth-inning homer, leading visiting Cincinnati to its fourth straight victory.

Deion Sanders went 3-for-4 for the Reds, who got two runs in the first against Marlins starter Pat Rapp (4-5).

The Marlins had plenty of opportunities against Rijo (7-4), leaving runners in scoring position in five of the first six innings.

Astros 13, Cardinals 6
Tony Eusebio had a career-high four hits and four RBIs and Andruw Jones also drove in four runs, helping Houston to a road win.

The Astros had 15 hits, 11 walks and a hit batsman to win for the sixth time in eight games. The Cardinals have dropped three in a row after a five-game winning streak.

Eusebio hit a three-run double to cap the Astros' four-run first inning against Allen Watson (5-4). He tripled to lead off the fourth and scored, hit a run-scoring single in the fifth and singled in the sixth.

Astros starter Brian Williams (5-4) worked six innings in 95-degree heat and allowed only two runs on seven hits.

Expos 5, Dodgers 1
Butch Henry pitched 6 1/2 scoreless innings and Larry Walker had three hits, including his 15th homer — as second-place Montreal moved within two games of Atlanta in the NL East race after a road win.

Henry (5-1) allowed five hits, struck out three and walked two. It was the third start this season in which the left-hander has pitched shutout ball and failed to finish.

The Expos took a 4-0 lead with three runs in the fourth, getting four hits before Ramon Martinez (7-5) could record an out.

Mets 2, Giants 1 (10)
Jim Lindeman's leadoff homer in the top of the 10th gave New York the victory.

Lindeman hit a 1-1 pitch directly over the wall in center field for his fourth homer of the year. It came off Rod Beck (2-4), who has yielded nine homers in 29 1-3 innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Indians 7, Twins 1
Dennis Martinez won his sixth straight decision and Candy Maldonado hit a tie-breaking two-run double as host Cleveland completed a four-game sweep.

Cleveland has won five straight games and is 24-4 in its last 28 games at Jacobs Field. Minnesota has lost seven straight on the road.

Red Sox 4, Angels 1
Roger Clemens allowed two hits and struck out 10 in seven shutout innings in Fenway before leaving with tightness in his right groin.

Clemens (7-4) allowed a leadoff single by Chili Davis in the second and a one-out double by Chad Curtis in the fifth. It was the 59th time he has struck out 10 or more in a game.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
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Cleveland 100 000 000 — 7 11 0

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Detroit 000 000 000 — 3 11 1

San Francisco 010 000 000 — 1 8 0
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OJ case spawns trading cards

ANAHEIM (Reuter) — The OJ Simpson murder saga, which has spawned more publicity than any celebrity crime case in decades, now has another claim to fame — its own trading cards.

Thousands of 10-packs featuring the football great and the victims of the double murder he is charged with were snapped up at a sports memorabilia show where they were sold over the weekend alongside baseball cards and other traditional collector's items.

The price: \$8 to \$10 apiece.
Instead of the Hall of Famer in his football uniform, the latest cards — sold under the logo "In Pursuit of Justice" — show a dejected Simpson posing for his police mug shot and appearing in court on charges that he murdered his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and a male friend, Ronald Goldman.

Other shots include a white Ford Bronco with Simpson inside being pursued by a phalanx of police squad cars, his ex-wife's smiling image on her wedding cake and Goldman's smoldering photo.

David Gussard of California-based D & K Distributors told the Los Angeles Times he had ordered 8,000 packs of the cards from Interlink News Services, a Phoenix, Arizona, company that produced the set.

By Sunday afternoon he had sold 3,000 packs, mostly to other distributors.

"I think it's really crazy, but if I don't sell it someone else will," Lowell Katz, a local sports card dealer, was quoted as saying. "I might as well make money while I can."

But it may only be the beginning. Outsource told the Times plans are in the making to produce a 50-card set, including photos of Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti and defense lawyer Robert Shapiro.

"It's just exploding a tragedy," one show attendee was quoted as saying.

MANCHESTER (AP) — Rain, and Martin Crowe, stepped in to save New Zealand as play was abandoned yesterday with the third and final Test declared a draw, giving England the series 1-0.

The Old Trafford Test was officially abandoned at 4.15pm (England time) on the final day with New Zealand at 308 for seven, 77 runs ahead, with Matthew Hart not out 16 and Dion Nash six not out.

The result is ironic justice for New Zealand which ran out of time needing only the last two wickets to convincingly win the second Test at Lord's.

Little more than two hours' play was possible yesterday, but that was time enough for Martin Crowe to complete his 17th Test century in what he said would be his last Test in England.

Crowe saved one of his best innings for last, eventually out for a splendid 115.

Parore was out 14 runs before Crowe at 273 for his test high score of 71, and it looked a matter of time before New Zealand would be all out, leaving England an easy task to take the series 2-0.

When he took the new ball after nine overs of the day, DeFreitas looked as threatening to the New Zealanders as the clouds did to England, and beat the bat on several occasions.

Parore tried to repeat his favorite shot off the back foot once too often, and offered Graham Gooch an excellent catch low down to his left at point.

DeFreitas then got one to move away enough to tempt Crowe to drive at a wide ball and edge to Graeme Hick for a sharp catch at second slip.

Before then, Crowe had looked at ease and relaxed as he repeatedly played his trademark elegant shots through the covers.

His innings lasted 338 minutes and he faced 237 balls from which he hit 15 fours.

Crowe's last Test in England will be remembered as one of the many in which he virtually put up a lone stand, scoring 70 in the first innings as his team tumbled around him.

DeFreitas enjoyed his recall to the Test side this series finishing with 21 wickets and two half centuries.

England plays South Africa in a three test series, the first starting at Lord's on July 21.

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Purchase tax on selected items cut 40% to reduce smuggling of small appliances

JOSE ROSENFELD and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

IN a continuing effort to make the smuggling of small electronic appliances less worthwhile, purchase taxes will be lowered by 40 percent on selected items and the customs exemption for residents returning from abroad will be raised, the Treasury announced yesterday.

As of Sunday, purchase taxes on portable compact disk-players, tape recorders of all types, answering machines, portable radios and clock machines will be cut from 85% to 45%.

The purpose of the move is to reduce the price gap between goods sold here and abroad, said Value Added Tax and Customs director Arye Zeif. This, in turn, is expected to reduce the incentive to smuggle those goods.

Last August, taxes on perfumes, cosmetics and watches were lowered, and in February, taxes on car radios

and tape decks, calculators, computers and fax machines were cut.

The Treasury estimates that the tax reduction will cost the state NIS 15 million annually in lost revenues. However, based on the previous tax cuts, Customs expects that a significant portion of that amount will be recovered with the decline in smuggling and the corresponding increase in local purchases of these goods.

Moreover, returning residents will be allowed to bring in \$200 worth of electronic goods instead of \$150, the Treasury announced.

Zeif justified the rise on the increase in the number of popular goods whose prices range up to \$200. He added he expects that the higher ceiling will help limit the number of

arguments between arriving residents and customs officers on the value of the goods and reduce smuggling.

In addition to the \$200 exemption, returning residents will be entitled to bring 2 packages of cigarettes, a limited quantity of alcoholic beverages and perfumes and a reasonable amount of shoes and personal clothing.

The exemption will become effective following Knesset finance committee approval.

Retailers and importers yesterday said they would pass on the purchase tax reduction to customers to encourage travelers not to personally import electrical appliances.

Yair Lapidot, general manager of a household appliance chain, empha-

sized that the tax cuts apply only to marginal products. He said no change was made to purchase tax on expensive products like televisions, videos, ovens and refrigerators which represent the majority of the company's sales.

"Our company will do its best to pass on the tax cuts to customers. The market is not very strong, demand for electrical appliances is low partly because of the fall in the stock market. People have lost money on the stock exchange and don't have any money left. There is a definite slowdown in the electrical appliance sector," said Lapidot.

Shaul Alowitz, general manager of a communications equipment importing firm, said they plan to immediately pass on all of the tax reduction to customers, even before existing stock runs out.



Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin visits Lebanon yesterday, examining the place where two Golani Brigade soldiers were electrocuted on Monday. With him were Deputy Chief-of-Staff Amnon Shahak (third from right) and OC Northern Command Yitzhak Mordechai (far left). See story, page 2.

Judge's Pessah 'moonlighting' was kosher, according to finding of courts administration

EVELYN GORDON

TEL AVIV District Court Judge Zvi Hacohen violated neither the law nor the rules of judicial ethics by running Pessah seders for an Eilat hotel, the courts administration decided yesterday.

The administration investigated the matter following an article in *Globe* a month ago, which reported that Hacohen had run Pessah seders

for the Moriah Plaza in Eilat both this year and last year, receiving a free room for himself and his wife for several nights in exchange. This apparently violated the rule against judges moonlighting.

However, the administration found that in both cases, Hacohen's "employment" was accidental.

In 1993, the hotel hired Hacohen's sons, Itai and Natanel, to run its two seders. In payment, Itai was allowed to bring several family members with him free of charge, and the judge came as his son's guest. Shortly before Pessah, however, Natanel fell sick, so Hacohen agreed to run the seder in his son's place.

This year, the hotel planned to have only one seder, run by Itai, who had again invited his father along. At the last minute, however, the hotel decided it had too many people for one seder, and therefore asked the judge to run another one.

Former tax official jailed for bribery

RAINE MARCUS

A FORMER tax inspector was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for bribery yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

Elihu Avraham, 45, of Holon, was employed by the Tel Aviv tax authorities from 1977-1990 until his arrest by the National Fraud Squad. His duties included checking that taxpayers' balance sheets and payments matched amounts owed.

Avraham was charged with 14 counts of receiving bribes from taxpayers between 1986-1990. He would offer to prepare tax reports for businessmen, and for a price, would reduce the amount of payments owed.

Avraham was accused of receiving thousands of shekels from clients for artificially reducing tax payments.

In his defense, Avraham said he was not the only official employed who accepted bribes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire near PM's Office blamed on protesters
Police believe youths from the settlers' tent encampment set fire to a field adjoining the Prime Minister's Office yesterday morning, in an attempt to burn down the building itself.

A guard at the Prime Minister's Office spotted four youths running in the direction of the tent encampment after the fire was set, the police spokesman said. The fire was extinguished before any real damage was done.

A police officer also overheard talk in the encampment the previous night of plans to burn down the Prime Minister's Office, the spokesman said. A 16-year-old interrogated by police confirmed that such a plan was discussed, he said.

New pollution detector unveiled

A sophisticated environmental monitoring mobile unit was inaugurated yesterday at a press conference in Tel Aviv.

The unit, operated by Biotech, checks ground, air and liquids for pollution. It is equipped with drilling equipment which can reach a depth of more than 30 meters. The laboratory can detect gases, fuels and other substances.

Joint work to begin on waste disposal

The Union of Local Authorities and the Environment Ministry will work together on waste disposal and recycling projects, LAU officials said yesterday.

The announcement followed a meeting between Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and union head Adi Eldar in the minister's Jerusalem office. A joint team will be set up to deal with the logistics of waste removal, including transport, transit stations and containers.

Transplant patients win athletic awards

Two Israelis who underwent heart transplants at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva in recent years won medals at the Helsinki Olympics for organ transplant recipients.

Momo Givoni, who underwent a heart-lung transplant in London four years ago, won eight gold medals for running events. He joined the army some time after his operation and is now an economics student at Tel Aviv University.

Brachya Vardi, who received a new heart only 10 months ago, won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal for swimming. The two champions are returning home tonight.

Missing immigrant toddler found safe

A two-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, who disappeared after arriving here on Monday, was found safe and sound yesterday in a Haifa wadi by search teams.

The girl, whose parents were busy setting in to their new home in the Neveh Carmel caravan site at Haifa's southern entrance, was found by police and fire department workers.

Yi'ud's Salmovitz may refuse to follow faction into coalition

DAN IZENBERG

THE Yi'ud faction resumed its coalition negotiations with the Labor Party yesterday under the threat of Esther Salmovitz's refusal to join the government even if her partners did.

Yi'ud sent a fax with its latest proposals to Labor yesterday, following a marathon meeting of the Yi'ud secretariat which lasted until early yesterday morning and featured angry exchanges between Salmovitz and her faction colleagues, Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb.

The fax included Yi'ud's amendments to the latest draft of the coalition agreement drawn up by Labor negotiators, including Uzi Berman, Yossi Katz, Nissim Zivili and Eli Dayan.

Yi'ud's demands include the immediate occupation of 2,500 empty apartments in settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the paving of new roads and beefing up of security by providing more meters of fencing and other measures.

Goldfarb said Yi'ud had already succeeded in forcing the government

to back down from a decision taken in November 1992 to suspend all development in the settlements.

On Monday, Salmovitz met with Likud MKs Tzahi Hanegbi and Moshe Nissim to examine the legal implications should she decide to defy a decision by the faction to support the coalition.

Sources in Tsomet said they were doing everything possible behind the scenes to persuade Salmovitz not to join the government. Party chairman Rafael Eitan said he would welcome Salmovitz back to Tsomet.

Should Salmovitz officially defect from Yi'ud, she will be barred from running as a candidate for any of the existing parties. However, Hanegbi and Nissim reportedly told Salmovitz that she did not have to quit Yi'ud in order to oppose the government, even if Segev and Goldfarb join it.

According to the sources, Salmovitz would only be classified as a defector if she received tangible benefits in return for her opposition to the government.

Knesset lifts Vanunu's immunity

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset yesterday voted to lift the immunity of Labor MK Yossi Vanunu, who has been indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and violating the public trust.

The vote was 38 to four with three abstentions. Vanunu did not participate. Seventy-five MKs did not attend the vote.

The four MKs who voted against the motion were Aryeh Gamliel (Shas), Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party), Moshe Maiya (Shas) and Yosef Azran (Shas).

Those who abstained included Yosef Ba-Gad (Tsomet), Walid Sadek (Meretz) and Gideon Saguy (Labor). Vanunu, who served as mayor of Kiryat Malachi between 1989 and 1994, is accused of having promised a fictitious job to Likud councilman Gabi Aloush in 1989 so Aloush would join the Labor-led city coalition.

He asked the Knesset to lift his immunity so "I can appear in court and hold a full airing of the case to prove my complete innocence. I do not want to hide behind my immunity. All that I have achieved in my life - in school, at university, in the professional and academic fields, whether as a mayor or an MK - I did through my own hard work. I do not want to leave a blot on myself."

He also called on the Knesset to find a way to speed up the legal process so he could be tried as quickly as possible.

"The procedures for lifting my immunity have already taken a year, so I have already suffered a miscarriage of justice."

House committee chairman Hagai Merom pointed out that this was the fourth time the 13th Knesset had voted on lifting the immunity of one of its members, and each time had been "traumatic."

The procedure was so painful that the Knesset should consider handing over the prerogative to the courts, said Merom.

"There is no shame in this," he said. "In a situation where we find it hard to act as quasi-judges and have trouble judging an issue on its merits and without prejudice, we should consider handing the matter over to an institution outside the Knesset."

MKs discuss amendments affecting power of PM

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset law committee yesterday began discussing two amendments to the Basic Law: The Government that were removed from the bill instituting direct elections of the prime minister as part of a compromise deal to get the bill passed.

One amendment, by MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet), would require an absolute majority of 70 MKs to vote no-confidence in the prime minister.

However, the committee, at the suggestion of Justice Minister David Libai and with Zandberg's consent, apparently plans to reduce the number to 65.

The other, proposed by Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud), would let the prime minister appoint his cabinet without Knesset approval.

"[The bill for the direct election of the prime minister] transfers the power to elect the prime minister from the parties... to the sovereign power - the people," he said.

It is therefore logical to require a special majority to override the people's choice by a vote of no-confidence, he said.

Similarly, the direct election of the prime minister gives him "a mandate to set up a government (without the Knesset's interference)," Justice Minister representative Shlomo Guberman noted.

With the exception of Yitzhak Levy (NRP) and Avraham Ravitz (UT), all the MKs appeared to support Hanegbi's bill.

Levy said his opposition was due to a basic conception "that the prime minister needs to have the confidence of the Knesset," as well as that of the people.

However, the committee was sharply split over Zandberg's bill.

"My doubts [on this issue] have increased greatly since witnessing the behavior of the prime minister," said MK Ron Nahman (Likud).

"I see a police force that acts at the prime minister's orders; I see an army that acts at the prime minister's orders... The minute you give the prime minister absolute freedom, you enter a dictatorship."

Levy, Ravitz and former Justice Minister Dan Meridor (Likud) also opposed the bill.

Another bill discussed by the committee yesterday, which seemed to have widespread support, was a proposal by Yehoshua Matza (Likud) to forbid the prime minister from holding more than two portfolios for a period of more than 60 days.



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